

**DETAILED LYNCHING RECORD
1957**

VERMONT, at Newbury, Orange County

On December 21, 1957 at Newbury, Orange County, Grville A. Gibson, 47 year-old-farmer was last seen at 4 A. M. when he left his house to milk his cows. His body was found 85 days later, hands and feet tied, in the Connecticut River. Two men, Robert O. (Ozzie) Welch, 46, school custodian and Frank W. Carpenter, 43, were questioned at the time but were not indicted until the following November.

Gibson was accused of beating his frail hired hand, Eri Martin, 59, and also kicking and punching him for spilling two cans of milk. This occurred on Christmas Day, 1957.

At the time of the incident, it is said "community feeling was built up" and there was talk of tarring and feathering Gibson, and "that a group of men met during Christmas week and discussed punishing him." He had irritated many people on various occasions.

After Gibson's disappearance, sixty-two persons were given lie detector tests, but showed no reaction to key questions. It was discovered later that "an unusually large sale of tranquilizer drugs had been purchased at the local drug store and were used by some to avoid telling what they knew of the crime.

Gibson's death was attributed to "vigilante action" and Welch was freed in October, 1959 after trial, as a result of a directed verdict. The State dropped its case against Carpenter, when the Supreme Court judge told the jury that the State's evidence had failed to connect Welch with the crime. The Court said, "There was no proof Welch was an active participant in the planning or in the crime."

All participants were white.

SOURCES:

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NOTE. Newspaper clippings relating to this lynching may be found under LYNCHINGS 1959.

Publicity given this case during the trial which occurred in October, 1959 resulted in the discovery that a lynching had occurred in 1957. Tuskegee Institute's lynchings records were adjusted accordingly.

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Another Till Case

Alabama Boy, 17, Taken From Home By Mob, Lynched!

Courier Pittsburgh Pa.
Sat. 11-9-57
BURKVILLE (Ala.)—Rogers Hamilton, 17, was lynched here. He made the mistake of getting interested in the "wrong" colored girl.

• Young Rogers was slain by a group of white men in the back of a truck after he had disregarded "warnings" of white men to stay away from the "colored girls" in nearby Haynesville.

He was shot to death during a lynching party which has all of the earmarks of the notorious slaying of Emmett Till which shook the entire world.

One of the worst "crimes" under the South's unwritten code of "tradition" is for a Negro to get "interested" in a "colored gal" who is the object of the affections of a white man. Rogers made that mistake and it cost him his life.

• Death came to Rogers in the "traditional" manner. On either Tuesday or Wednesday night, Oct. 23 or 22, a group of white men went to the Lowndes County home of Rogers and asked his mother if he were present.

After being told that he was present, one of the men asked Mrs. Hamilton, "tell him to come out here, we have some cigarettes for him." Answered Rogers, "All right, after I put on some shoes."

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ONE OF THE criminals shot back, "You don't need any g-d-shoes," snatched him out of the doorway and threw him into a waiting truck.

• As the truck drove away there were sounds of fists smacking against flesh and the cries of Rogers, screaming for help, mingled with the anguished pleas of his mother crying for her son's life as she ran futilely after the truck until it passed from sight.

Minutes later, a pistol shot was heard and 30 minutes later an, as yet, unidentified man returned to the late Rogers' home and told his mother where she could find her son's corpse.

ROGERS WAS buried on Oct. 27, with services held from the Baptist Hill Church. The Rev. O. T. Harvey officiated.

• His interment occurred at the Lowndesboro Cemetery. His survivors include his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Hamilton; nine sisters, Matilda, Mrs. Rosa Bell Means, Mrs. Mary D. Furr, Mrs. Cora Bell Moore, Mrs. Maggie Lee Mays of Chicago; Mrs. Ella Mae Mays of Cleveland; Mrs. Jessie Lee Barber of Birmingham; Mrs. Wynia Latimer of New York City; Mrs. Elizabeth Bell; seven brothers, Eugene, Wes, Milton, John Henry, Lieut. Herron Hamilton and Harrison Smith.

Young Rogers' lynching has perhaps had the desired effect upon the Negroes in Lowndes

County for they are bowing to threats of intimidation.

Crosses have been burned at Fort Deposit and Mount Willing. Negro merchants have been denied goods to sell.

PERHAPS A premonition of what was coming should have told young Rogers to get ready for any eventuality. About three days before he was slain, Rogers, in the company of two other teenage friends, was walking toward Haynesville with the hope of picking up a ride.

A white woman driving a car passed them, drove ahead for a few feet, turned around and went back in the direction from which she had come. Within a few minutes she had returned with a group of white men.

Police are reported investigating other attacks on Negroes in Alabama:

1. The bombing (Oct. 19) and burning (Nov. 2) of a home purchased by Mrs. Cleo Prince in Fountain Heights, Birmingham.
2. The bombing of a home (Nov. 8) owned by Atty. David H. Hood Jr. in Bessemer, Ala.

minutes she had returned with a group of white men.

Two of the boys ran, but Rogers didn't and he was handed an unmerciful beating and then told to stay away from the Negro girls in Haynesville.

EVIDENTLY, THE whites were not satisfied with the "warning" for they returned to spirit Rogers away from his home and execute him as an object lesson to other "smart young nigras" who might have designs on the "pretty browns" who live in Haynesville.

The lesson did strike home to Rogers. He gave up his life to gain the knowledge.

Whites Kill Him Over Negro Girl

Burkville, Ala. — Because 17-year-old Roger Hamilton disregarded "warnings" to stay away from the "colored girls" in Haynesville, he was shot to death during a lynching party recently by a group of white men.

The men came to Rogers house in Lowndes County and asked his mother, Mrs. Beatrice Hamilton, if he was home.

After being told that he was in, one of the men told his mother to "tell him to come out here, we have some cigarettes for him."

When Rogers answered back, "All right, after I put on some shoes," one of the group shouted, "You don't need any g-d-shoes," snatched him out of the doorway and threw him into a waiting truck.

As the truck drove away, the men began beating the youth who screamed for help. His mother ran after the truck, futilely begging for her son's life.

After the truck passed from sight, a pistol shot was heard and 30 minutes later, an unidentified man came to the Hamilton home and told his mother where she could find the body.

About three days before the slaying, young Hamilton and two other teenagers were walking toward Haynesville when a white woman, driving a car passed them, drove ahead for a few feet, turned around and went back in the direction from which she had come.

Within minutes she returned with a group of white men who

beat Rogers Hamilton after he failed to run off with his companions. After the beating, he was told to stay away from the Negro girls in Haynesville.

According to reports, the lynching of young Hamilton has had the desired effect upon the Negroes in Lowndes County because they are bowing to threats and intimidation.

Lynch Mob Is Ruled Out In Slaying Of Lowndes Negro

Lowndes County Sheriff Frank Ryals said today a young Negro found shot to death near his farm home was not a victim of a lynch mob.

Ryals said the victim, Roger Hamilton, 19, was found shot through the head. He said death was caused by a bullet from a pistol of undetermined caliber fired at close range.

Reports reaching the North-ern press tagged the death last Oct. 22 a lynching, Ryals said. "However, our investigation revealed nothing that leads us to believe these reports."

The law officer said, according to the youth's mother, two unidentified men called at the

The woman told varying stories about the incident, according to Ryals.

He said she first claimed the men were white and then later changed her story. She was quoted as saying her son might have been attacked over an argument about a woman.

Ryals said neither of the stories could be verified.

'Mob Violence' Seen in Ga. Slaying

HAWKINSVILLE, March 12 (AP)—A Pulaski County grand jury Tuesday investigated a Negro's death which a judge described as "plainly and simply mob violence." Judge John K. Whaley of McRae, in charging the jury Monday, said "the murder of Willie Joe Sanford should be investigated 'from stem to stern. . . And let the chips fall where they may.'"

Sanford's body was found submerged in Limestone Creek, a few miles from here, on March 1, after he had been missing for nearly a month. The Negro had been stabbed, bound with wire, and tied to undergrowth in the creek.

Authorities are seeking a motive for the murder.

"Whoever mobbed and killed this Negro did your city, your county, your state and the entire Southland a distinct disservice," Judge Whaley said. "By their conduct they have magnified a trying situation."

Whaley urged the grand jury to "let the world and this mob in particular know we stand for law and order."

Oconee Circuit Solicitor General J. Wade Johnson of Mt. Vernon, indicated the inquiry would be long and that a large number of witnesses would be heard.

Probe of Negro's Slaying Pressed

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga., March 13 (AP)—Pulaski county authorities Wednesday pressed a "rigid" investigation into the slaying of Negro sawmill worker Willie Joe Sanford, whose knifed body was found wired to a creek bed March 1.

Oconee circuit solicitor J. Wade Johnson said the Pulaski county grand jury recessed its investigation Tuesday to enable questioning of everyone "even remotely connected" with the case.

Johnson said approximately 15 witnesses had already been heard. He said the case will be

"thoroughly investigated from every detailed angle and new developments are expected." Oconee circuit Judge John K. Whaley, in his charge to the grand jury, said "certainly it did not take a brave man or men to accomplish this execution. . . only a frenzied mob could have accomplished it."

Johnson said the investigation so far had not turned up any indication of the presence of a mob, but added "I would say the guilty parties who killed the Negro were members of a mob, however large or small."

"Frenzied Mob" Killing Still Without Clues

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga., (AP)—The violent death of a Hawkinsville Negro, which a Circuit Court judge said "could only have been accomplished by a frenzied mob," remained a mystery Monday. Deputy Sheriff J. A. Hill said police officials had drawn a blank so far as the identity of the killer or killers of Willie Joe Sanford who was found knifed and his body wired undergrowth in a creek on March 1.

He said there was no reason to believe that the killing was racially inspired.

A grand jury investigation was ordered by Circuit Judge J. K. Waley after the body was discovered. Sanford had been missing for a month prior to his discovery and was believed to have been under water during that time.

Hill said the grand jury had "recessed for the time being, but both the sheriff's office and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation are still investigating the case."

Only a frenzied mob could do it

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga.—Certainly it did not take a brave man or men to accomplish this execution—only a frenzied mob could have accomplished it.

Thus Oconee Circuit Judge John K. Whaley described the first lynching of 1957 as he charged the Pulaski County Grand Jury which is investigating the brutal death of Willie Joe Sanford. 3-23-57

The lynching was revealed on March 1 when Sanford's waterlogged body was raised from the bottom of Limestone Creek, a few miles from here, where it had been wired to the undergrowth.

An autopsy report disclosed that the sawmill worker of Cochran, missing since Feb. 2, had been dead for about 30 days.

BEFORE RECESSING the jury, Judge Whaley said:

"Whoever mobbed and killed this man did your city, your county and your state and the entire southland a distinct disservice. By their conduct they have magnified a trying situation."

Wade Johnson, Oconee Circuit Solicitor, said that the grand jury was questioning everyone "even remotely connected" with the case. He said some 15 witnesses had been questioned.

HE FURTHER added that although the investigations had not found any indications of the presence of a mob, "I would say that the guilty parties who killed the man were members of a mob, however large

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Mrs. Leo Frank Dies In Atlanta

Advertiser
ATLANTA, April 24 (AP) — Mrs. Leo Frank, widow of Leo M. Frank who was lynched in an outbreak of mob violence here in 1915, died yesterday after a brief illness. She was 69.

Montgomery
Her late husband was convicted in 1913 of the murder of Mary Phagan, a 15-year-old Marietta girl. He was sentenced to be hanged but the sentence was commuted to life by the then Gov. John M. Slaton. *25-37*

In August of 1915 a mob of masked men kidnaped Frank from the state prison farm at Milledgeville and hanged him from an oak tree near Marietta in Cobb County.

Mrs. Frank was the former Lucile S. Selig. She was a lifelong resident of Atlanta. *(1915)*

Funeral services will be held tomorrow with Rabbi Jacob Rothschild officiating.

Survivors include a sister and two nephews, all of Atlanta.

Constitution
Mrs. Leo Frank Is Dead at 69;
Widow of 1915 Lynch Victim
Wed. 4-24-57

Mrs. Leo M. (Lucile S.) Frank of 710 Peachtree St., NE, died Tuesday at an Atlanta hospital after a brief illness. She was 69.

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Mrs. Frank was the widow of Leo Frank, who was lynched in an outbreak of mob violence in 1915 as a result of the slaying of Mary Phagan, a 15-year-old Marietta girl who worked in an Atlanta pencil factory of which Frank was superintendent.

Mrs. Frank was a lifelong Atlantan. She was the former Lucile S. Selig. *(1915)*

She was a member of The Temple, and she was formerly a member of the Standard Town and Country Club and the Progressive Club.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Spring Hill. Rabbi Jacob Rothschild will officiate.

Mrs. Frank is survived by a sister, Mrs. Sara S. Marcus, and two nephews, Alan Marcus and Harold E. Marcus, all of Atlanta.

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Was It Lynching?

Judge Says 'No'

Alfred A. American
HAWKINSVILLE, Ga. — The

judge who conducted the special grand jury inquiry into the murder of a 24-year-old, sawmill worker here two weeks ago, and who branded the execution as the "work of a frenzied mob," Thursday, denied that he regarded the killing as a lynching.

Circuit Judge John K. Whaley, declaring that "we haven't had a lynching in this area in at least 30 years," backed down from his charge to the grand jury by redefining the word "lynching" in a talk with a reporter.

Said he: "I didn't mean mob in the accepted sense of the word—a wild, maniacal, illegal assemblage."

"I meant two or more persons acting in collusion outside the law in a quiet, cool, collected and cold-blooded manner. Only the actual killing of Willie Joe Sanford was frenzied."

"Was it a lynching?" he was asked.

"No," he exclaimed with an almost indignant shake of his head.

SANFORD'S NAKED, water-logged body was raised from the bottom of Limestone Creek a few miles from Hawkinsville on March 1, after being sighted by a fisherman. The body, which had been in the water nearly a month, was in a decomposed state.

It was identified by his sister, Mrs. Eva May Randall, who said the only way she could tell it was her brother was by his shoes and an operation scar on his stomach.

Sanford had been shot in the stomach a year ago by a white man with a rifle, who was released from jail after being held overnight. The scar was left from the operation of removing the bullet.

Sanford's hands had been wired together over his head and his ankles were also bound together, according to the sis-

The body bore numerous knife wounds and two head wounds apparently inflicted with a sharp instrument.

WHILE THE reporter was talking to Judge Whaley about the case, County Solicitor J. Wade Johnson, who conducted the futile grand jury investigation, dropped in for a visit.

Johnson agreed with Judge Whaley that the case was not a lynching, although earlier he had characterized the crime as a lynching, saying he agreed with the judge, whom he quoted as having said:

"I do not believe even the perpetrators of the crime would gloat over it if they see, as I did, a picture of the dead colored man, maltreated, slashed, hog-tied with wire, and gutted like an animal."

"Certainly it did not take a brave man or men to accomplish this illegal execution."

THURSDAY, BOTH the judge and the solicitor denied the possibility that Sanford was brutally murdered because he was colored.

But Johnson did concede, although seemingly hating to do so, that his investigation had led him to believe that two or more white persons had committed the crime.

Judge Whaley, attempting to explain the atmosphere of this Georgia town of some 2,200 residents, said:

Here, each of the races respects the other. Result is we have absolutely no trouble at all.

"Racial relations between white and colored people are most amiable and amicable. Each of the races is satisfied with the present relationship."

JOHNSON GAVE A different version:

"Had there been a racial issue, it would not have been concealed. They'd have riddled him with bullets in the middle of the road or strung him up to a tree—and made no effort to hide it."

The solicitor said he felt that two or more persons committed the crime because

(1) At least two different weapons were used—a blunt instrument that fractured the victim's skull, and a sharp one that was plunged into his chest, stomach and back numerous times; (2) It would be difficult for one person to truss up a man, hold him under water, and tie him to the bottom of a creek.

The judge was silent about possible suspects, facts leading up to the slaying, or any theories about a motive, saying:

"I cannot express an opinion. It would disqualify me from presiding in any trial that might arise in the future."

MEANWHILE, FRIDAY, Arthur King, a friend of the murdered man, who had been with him a short while before his death, was released from jail where he had been held since the middle of February as a material suspect in the case.

Sheriff Andrew Hill, who reported King's release from jail, said that he had been kept in jail in Macon, 50 miles away, for "his own safety."

The sheriff explained: "We couldn't find any evidence in the case, so I didn't feel in fairness to the man (King) that he should be held any longer."

The story that Arthur King told authorities has not been disclosed, nor his present whereabouts revealed.

ACCORDING TO A white New York reporter visiting Hawkinsville, that Deep South community seemed to be torn by a divided conscience over the lynching this week.

The colored people refused to discuss the Willie Joe Sanford case with the reporter. One of the relatives of the victim telling her: "They're scared."

The memories of the lynching of two colored men and in hours or weeks or months their wives near Monroe, Ga., 10 years ago, has not been forgotten by the adults of the community.

ALTHOUGH ALL of the facts of the Monroe lynching were known in the community, and were investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, not a single arrest was made in the shooting to death of the four.

The more recent Emmett Till case, too, in bordering Mississippi, seemingly has impressed upon the minority group population the futility of striving to seek for justice in a Deep South lynching.

Although the two suspects in the Till case (who later confessed to killing the 16-year-old Chicago boy on vacation in Mississippi, they were freed of charges of murder and even of kidnapping him, which they admitted doing while on the stand in the murder trial.

SOME OF THE whites in Hawkinsville are ashamed of the way their town has been brought into the national news spotlight; other are defiant in keeping with southern tradition.

"I'm appalled and distressed," said the Rev. Frank Gilmore, pastor of First Methodist Church, about the lynching of Sanford. "It hurts our town. I think everyone deplors it, and wants the criminals caught and brought to a speedy trial."

On the other hand, a gray-haired woman florist, Mrs. H. S. Fountain, declared about the case:

"It's a lot of fuss over nothing. Some N—r was mad at him and killed him. There's no friction between the blacks and whites in this town. Why, you couldn't get my colored maid to leave me for anything."

ALTHOUGH THE only material witness in the case is released and the inquiring grand jury recessed after having interviewed 15 persons brought before it, the murder case technically, is still alive.

Thirty-four men are still investigating the killing, according to Sheriff Hill. In addition to Johnson, they include four agents from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, four sheriffs, two doctors and the 23 members of the grand jury.

According to Solicitor Johnson, "A break may come within hours or weeks or months, or it may never crack, but we're till after it."

Lynching

Unsolved

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga.—As in most lynchings in the South, the perpetrators of the first such

dastardly murder of 1957 will probably not be called to justice for their crime. This is the impression the AFRO received Saturday, when it was informed by an Officer Bridges at the Hawkinsville police station that nobody had been held by the grand jury in the lynching of Willie Joe Sanford's water-logged body was raised from the bottom of Limestone Creek a few miles from here, on March 1. The body had been wired to the undergrowth.

AN AUTOPSY report disclosed that the sawmill worker of Cochran, Ga., missing since Feb. 2, had been dead for about 30 days.

The Pulaski County Grand Jury investigating the brutal lynching of Sanford was told by Circuit Judge John K. Whaley: "Certainly it did not take a brave man or men to accomplish this execution—only a frenzied mob could have accomplished it."

Before recessing the jury last week, Judge Whaley said: "Whoever mobbed and killed this man did your city, your county and your state and the entire Southland a distinct disservice. By their conduct they have magnified a trying situation."

SATURDAY, the AFRO was unable to contact Oconee Circuit Solicitor Wade Johnson, who is in charge of the investigation. It was also unable to discuss the case with Sheriff Andrew Hill, who has the job of apprehending suspected murderers.

It was learned earlier from Johnson that some 15 witnesses have been questioned in the case, but none has been arrested. He promised that the case would be "thoroughly investigated from every detail and angle."

No Clues, No Suspects!

Courier **Lynch Town** *Pittsburgh, Pa.* **Still Silent**

Set 4-6-57
HAWKINSVILLE, Ga.—Dixie's split personality has been put on display in this village of 2,200 souls where the violent death of sawmill worker Willie Joe Sandford remains a "big mystery."

One group of townsfolk whisper in hushed tones that Sandford's death was a lynching. Another group says that Sandford might have been murdered, but he certainly was not lynched.

There are others who maintain that the entire thing is just a "whole lot of mess over nothing," that Sandford is "just another dead n—r."

THE WIERD story was unfolded here about a month ago when a fisherman, H. H. Vickers, discovered the nude corpse of Sandford, stabbed, bludgeoned, trussed up and tied to undergrowth on the bottom of a creek.

Arthur King, a friend of the late Willie Joe, was subsequently held as a material witness and sent "up North" to Macon for safekeeping, where he remained until Friday before being released by Pulaski County Sheriff Hill, who announced, "We couldn't find any evidence in the case, so I didn't feel in fairness to the man that he should be held any longer."

Whatever King told his captors has not been revealed.

What is more important is the fact that the citizens of Hawkinsville have, seemingly, for the most part, shunned the implication that Sandford was a victim of a lynching. However, there are those who think otherwise.

Solicitor Johnson had first called the Sandford mystery a lynching and announced that Circuit Court Judge Whaley shared his opinion. Both men were said to have agreed that Sandford's death came at the hands of a "frenzied mob."

On the other hand, Judge Whaley's reply, when approached by a reporter, was, "Why, we haven't had a lynching in this area in at least 30 years."

NEGRO RESIDENTS of Hawkinsville are silent; they won't talk. Although the Pulaski County sheriff had stated that Willie Joe's death began with a ruckus at a liquor store in the "Dirty Spoon" section of Hawkinsville, Susan Huggins, who lives across the street from the store in question, said, "I stood out on my porch all the time. I didn't see any trouble that day."

Lynch Terror Drove Hundreds of Negroes Out of Texas and Tennessee in 1889

A great many Negroes have wondered why Logan Jackson, pioneer Oklahoman, of Kingfisher county, would recall that 500 Negroes from Tennessee put their feet in the roads and Indian trails westward and came to Oklahoma in 1889. They cannot conceive of the urge that would cause 500 black people to surge toward the Indian Territory and the unsettled lands of the West.

One suggestion that a lot of folk may not be thinking about is that in the Deep South during that year 81 black men and women were lynched. The Ku Klux Klan was also raging during that period and the resolute, outspoken former slaves who dared to exercise in a very elementary way the freedom given them by Lincoln, were, if not lynched, tarred and feathered and subjected to all forms of torture. Where 81 were slain, there were perhaps ten times as many who suffered the agonies of death from the cruel Southerners, who were determined the Lincoln ultimatum would not take effect.

Then as now, it was impossible to keep news of better localities and more favorable communities getting to the newly freed men, and word had come to Tennesseans that with a little effort they could cross the Mississippi, and when safely across Arkansas they could enter the forests and the wilderness of Oklahoma, where the Indian had accepted the black man and woman on a complete basis of equality.

The vacant lands in Oklahoma Territory were in a certain sense a City of Refuge, and that is one reason why Guthrie, Oklahoma, became at once the shining star in the new territory, where the zephyrs of freedom were reported to roam. All of the intelligentsia of the South immediately drifted this way, and they were hardy men and women who knew that just a few years before the Indians had been driven through the forests of this area by United States soldiers and many of them had arrived on foot. As rumors do, the story of their opulence and ease in their new homes was often exaggerated.

With this in mind, a group, variously estimated as near 500, left middle Tennessee and moved toward Memphis. Many who left Tennessee, like the Carruthers, who for many years have been one of our leading families, came on trains; but just as the Indians were forced to do by the government, many came through the woods and waded across unbridged streams to get to the Promised Land. It is the memory of the flight of this uneducated group, who in their ignorance felt that the Klan was some sort of supernatural monster, causes many Southerners today to think the Invisible Empire, reincarnated, can terrorize the educated and intelligent Negroes of this day.

The first principal of the separate schools in Oklahoma City was among those who left Gallatin, Tennessee at that time. J. D. Randolph brought a large family to Oklahoma. Along with him came many of his relatives, Bill Cage, Allen Wadkins, Hallie Foster, and many others. They formed the first nucleus of the Tennessee blacks in Oklahoma City. It can be seen from the Logan Jackson story that they continued on to the west as far as Kingfisher, and many of them located out in the Dunbar settlement, west of Kingfisher.

The sharecropper system inaugurated down in Dixie during that period, was intended then to be a device by which the Negro could be held legally in bondage, despite Lincoln's freedom. It was devised somewhat like efforts now to perpetuate segregation through various subterfuges effected in the school system and in residential areas. Brutal methods were developed to give thousands of Negroes criminal records and thus place them in and under supervision of the police and then perpetually control them under what is still known down in Arkansas as "Hireling Bonds."

This is a system by which Negroes are systematically arrested and charged with misdemeanor offenses. They are then, while under arrest by the sheriff, hired out to planters who pay one-tenth of the bond charged but work the helpless blacks for the full amount of the bond.

Ulysses Bond, son of the famous Scott Bond, who owned hundreds of acres of land down in the Mississippi delta just out of Forrest City, told me this story of near peonage that exists today to a degree down in the lowlands below Crawley Ridge.

So it can be seen that there were urgent reason why the Negroes in Tennessee were anxious to walk barefooted and near naked through the woods, coming to Oklahoma in 1889.

A large number of the early pioneers came from Texas and Arkansas. Willis Tucker, pioneer Oklahoma City business man, came from Texas. Tucker's relatives, many of them, lived in Arkansas. We recall that a particularly fiendish murder occurred in Paris, Texas in about 1890, and Dad used to sit around the fireplace in the early years and frequently say, "I hope a child of mine will never be caught in Texas." He repeated this so often that I grew up with the feeling that the worst place on earth was just below Red River. I was later to investigate the lynching at Sherman, but that came fully 40 years later. I was attuned to savagery in Texas, where 276 blacks were sacrificed to wild mobs in 1889. When Oklahoma was opened to white settlement, it was the search for physical safety that sent hordes of Negroes swarming toward Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri during Reconstruction, many of whom were qualified to hold public office, as was shown in Logan Jackson's reminiscence about Kingfisher county last week.

While rape was the general charge against a Negro lynched in those pristine years, it was discovered that on close investigation, Negroes were in those times lynched for the following offenses: killing an officer of the law, being intimate with a woman, mistaken identification, striking a man in a quarrel, cattle stealing, indecent exposure, and frightening woman and child, sassing white men, intimidating an officer of the law. During this holocaust of murder, all of these reasons were assigned as justification in slaying, burning and hanging defenseless Southerners.

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Acquitted Till Killers

Tell of Death Threats

EMMETT TILL

KILLERS

PUNISHED

NEW YORK—The half brothers acquitted of murdering 14-year-old Emmett (Bobo) Till disclosed they have received numerous death threats since a Mississippi jury absolved them in the famous "wolf-whistle" killing of the Chicago Negro youth.

The threats of J. W. Milam and his half-brother, Roy Bryant, in the form of letters from outside the state, were revealed in an article in the new issue of LOOK magazine by William Bradford Huie, who repeated charges he made in LOOK a year ago that Milam shot the Negro youth after Till had made advances at Bryant's wife.

Despite the threats to him and his family, Milam has been forbidden to carry a gun by the sheriff, the magazine said.

MILAM ALSO admitted in the article that he and Bryant have suffered resentment from their neighbors and a string of economic reverses in the 16 months since their trial.

He told of the following setbacks:

- A boycott by Negroes which has forced the pair to close or sell a chain of small stores they had operated in the Mississippi Delta.

- Refusal of many Negroes to work in Milam's cotton fields, forcing him to hire white men at higher pay.

- Being unable to rent land or borrow money in Tallahatchie County, the county which had "swarmed" to his defense during the trial.

Of his current status, Milam declared that "I don't know nobody and nobody knows me."

"Everything's gone against me — even the dry weather which has hurt my cotton. I'm living in a share-crop with no water in it. My wife and kids are having it hard," he said in

The law failed to bring justice in the heartless killing of Emmett Till in the Mississippi "wolf-whistle" case. But the awakening conscience of the South is giving the Till killers a measure of the punishment they deserve. See LOOK MAGAZINE and you'll be amazed by the measures which many Mississippians — both whites and Negroes alike — have taken to make life difficult for Milam and Bryant, the killers of Emmett Till. The full story is in the new issue of LOOK.



EMMETT TILL

LOOK

the article.

THE MAGAZINE quoted a citizen of Tallahatchie County, scene of the Till death, on why the pair's "friends" had turned on them:

"We figured we might as well be rid of them. They're a tough bunch. And you know there's just one thing wrong with encouraging one o' these peckerwoods to kill a n—r. He don't know when to stop — and the rascal may wind up killing you."

Till Case Comes To Life Again In National Magazine

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again by William Bradford Huie, that described an ironic turn of events in the lives of the Emmett Till killers during the year since the slaying.

Many of those who rushed to the aid of Milam and Bryant, reveals Mr. Huie in LOOK, have changed their minds, and the two slayers, ostracized from the society of white people in their own country, have become lonely and impoverished men.

You'll find this dramatic story — a story that goes to the very heart of America's racial problems — in the new LOOK, now at your newsstand.

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The Church and Lynching

Robert Moats Miller, of the department of history, University of North Carolina, in a 14-page discussion, "Protestant Churches and Lynching, 1919, 1939," in the Journal of Negro History, concludes in the April number of that publication: *Alabama City, Ala.*

"The record of the Protestant churches was spotted, but on the whole their concern with lynching was both deeper and more widespread than commonly believed. Surely it would not be unfair to say that the Protestant churches deserve some share of the credit for helping to rid the land."

Mr. Miller laborously plows through the record of the church for thirty years, showing that religious life here in America was first indifferent and then began to catch up with the tempo of the times. He says that in Maryville, Missouri, when a demented Negro was chained to the roof of an unused structure and burned to death, the church was silent. It made no comment as to how the religious community felt about such barbarity. One publication said, "So long as the 'unmentionable crime' is committed and so long as the courts are lax and punishment uncertain, just so long will southern whites continue to take the law in their own hands," and this journal further pointed out that federal anti-legislation was not the proper answer to this type of breaking down of law and order.

This statement was somewhat similar to one issued by the Sociological Congress from Atlanta back in the early twenties when it condemned lynching but admonished in the next breath Negroes to stop assaulting white women.

Southern Methodists were not silent in their annual meeting in 1922. They issued a statement which vigorously condemned mob murder, and, according to Miller, the Baptists spoke out about in the same tone. The Committee on Interracial Relations delivered a stinging rebuke of mob violence and urged that perpetrators of such crimes be apprehended and punished. The Congregational churches also leaped into the fray, and various groups began to loan endorsement to the Dyer Anti-Lynching bill then before Congress.

About this same time the Federal Council of Churches, which represents about all of the Protestant denominations in the United States, formed a committee on church and race relations, and distributed thousands of pamphlets condemning lynching. It was just about this time that a group of southern women spoke out in no uncertain terms in condemnation of the savage practices of the period.

Just about this time the NAACP issued a factual statement which proved that most of the Negroes lynched were immolated for other crimes than rape. This was a very illuminating document and added fuel to the fire already started by the white church to stop mob murder.

In 1923, the Georgia Baptist Convention termed lynching "barbarous, heathenish and unchristian," and ministers in Texas spoke out in a forthright manner against the evil, while a Baptist minister in Georgia held a mob at bay.

While Congress never acted affirmatively on this subject, from the days of Representative Dyer up until this

hour, the churches began frequently to strike heavily for this type of legislation, although through the daily press there was a subtle endorsement of the crime.

From the research that has been made by Mr. Miller, the evolution of the white church has been slow but steady in its condemnation of the sin of Abel.

Bob Considine Reports



Mrs. Coolidge Saved Cal From Lynching

Miami

to announce, a bit later in his career, that he did not choose to run. He would have been chased

THE LATE MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE, one of the most beautiful women ever to grace the White House, kept her husband from being lynched maybe—once upon a time.

It was the final game of the 1924 World Series between the Washington Senators and the New York Giants, score tied 3-3 in the ninth inning, the great Walter Johnson, who had gone in an inning before, pitching his old heart out after losing twice previously in one of the great series of all time.

When the final out was made in the last half of the ninth inning, score still tied, the President of the United States stood up in his prim and precise way, smoothed his coattails and beckoned to Grace Goodhue Coolidge.

The crowd was seething with tension as the Senators trotted out on the field to defend against the Giants in the first half of the tenth.

"Where do you think you are going?" Mrs. Coolidge asked, with some of the glacial quality of her husband.

"Home," said the President, surprised. "That was the end of the ninth inning; end of the game."

He started to leave the box, but Mrs. Coolidge grabbed his coat.

"You sit down!" she said sternly.

The President sat . . . and Washington went on to win the game and series in extra innings, the last time any Washington fan really had something to dance for in the streets.

If Cal had ankled out of the park when he chose there would have been no need for him



MRS. COOLIDGE

MRS. COOLIDGE ALWAYS impressed those who knew her as one who thoroughly understood her man and was amused by the economies of his mind and speech.

It was as if she was privy, well in advance, to her husband's reaction to the explosive indignation of a friend who burst into Cal's office at the White House one day with a copy of Rupert Hughes' book of George Washington—a book which dealt quite roughly with the Father of the Country.

For five minutes the friend quoted chapter and verse about Washington's departures from the Parson Weems concept.

Silent Cal was silent through the speech. When it was done he turned in his chair and looked out a window at the tall white shaft not far away.

"The monument's still there," he observed.

WILLIE EARLE LYNCHED FEB. 17, 1947

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Lynched man's mother finally given \$2,000

By JOHN H. McCRAE

GREENVILLE, S.C.—After a nine-year, 10-month delay, the county of Greenville has finally paid the \$2,000, required by state law, to the family of Willie Earle, brutally lynched early morning of Feb. 17, 1947.

A Greenville attorney, who had turned the Earle case over to a partner in his law firm, told the AFRO Monday: "I am sure the money was paid within the past two months, I'd say about the first part of January."

THE ATTORNEY was John B. Culbertson, a key figure in the defense of the 31 white men tried, 28 of them taxi drivers, and acquitted of the murder in Greenville general sessions court.

It was, paradoxically, the same Mr. Culbertson who, while a member of the Greenville County delegation in the South Carolina State Legislature, made the motion that Mrs. Tessie Earle, mother of the victim, and other members of the family be paid.

"I think that was about 1949," Mr. Culbertson said.

Since, the money had been tied up in a lawsuit.

EARLE, a 26-year-old epileptic, had been seized from Pickens county jailer J. Ed Gilstrap by a "mob of men" shortly after midnight, Feb. 16.

He had been arrested for questioning at his home in Liberty the night of Feb. 16, in connection with the stabbing of a white taxi driver, Thomas W. Brown of the Greenville Yellow Cab Co., who was allegedly hired by Earle to haul him home.

His horribly mutilated body, half the face shot away, carved and slashed with knives, his jugular vein, a thigh and forearm carved around, was found

early Feb. 17 on a frost-covered lonely Greenville county road, across from a meat packing plant.

Brown died the following day, without identifying his attacker, or attackers.

MRS. EARLE, who has since remarried and is now Mrs. Robinson, told the AFRO at the time that Willie had come home as usual, the children of the and had gone to bed before she left for her night job. (Since remarrying, Mrs. Robinson has moved from Liberty and now lives in the Freetown area of Greenville. She has been employed at a local hotel).

The Earle lynchers, tried in May of 1947, were acquitted in a verdict which apparently disappointed and irritated presiding circuit Judge J. Robert Martin Jr.

THE JURIST didn't so much as give the customary "thanks" to the all-white jury as he left the courtroom.

Eight years ago, in January of 1949, Mrs. Robinson, as administratrix for her son's estate, filed a \$5,000 suit against Greenville and Pickens county.

She was represented by NAACP lawyers Harold R. Boulware of Columbia, Franklin H. Williams, now in San Francisco, Calif., and Thurgood Marshall.

PICKENS COUNTY was apparently eliminated when Greenville County, in which the victim's body was found, and where the trial was held, voted the \$2,000 required under state law.

A check was given Mr. Boulware for the amount, but because of a suit filed against the estate, this was turned over to a Pickens county attorney, also representing Mrs. Robinson, and until payment was made last month, was held in a Pickens county bank.

The suit holding up payment was brought by Mrs. Thomas W. Brown, widow of the slain cab driver. She was represented by former U.S. Sen. Thomas Wofford, then a member of

the state legislature, who had joined with Mr. Culbertson in defending the accused men.

HOW THE Brown suit angle was handled was not immediately known; nor was it known what persons other than Mrs. Robinson shared in the money, and their extent.

Neither Mr. Boulware, nor Greenville's Attorney Donald J. Sampson, who had also had a small part in the case, knew until the AFRO discovered it, that the money had been paid.

LAB SCHOOL CHILDREN HELP FIGHT POLIO

JACKSON, Miss.—This year, time that Willie had come home as usual, the children of the Jackson State College Laboratory School participated in the annual "March of Dimes Drive" by making sacrifices during the month of January to help in the fight against the crippling disease.

Review Asked On Reversal In Rape Case

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Tues. 2-5-57
Montgomery, Ala.
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Ala. to seek retrial of Fikes case

Adm. - American
Wed. 2-2-57
Montgomery, Ala.
SELMA, Ala. (ANP)—The fate of a 27-year-old man who was recently saved from the electric chair by the U.S. Supreme Court appeared gloomy last week, as Alabama displayed displeasure over the high court verdict and prepared

to retry the man "as soon as possible."

William Earl Fikes, adjudged mentally ill by three psychiatrists, was convicted and sentenced to death in the electric chair by an Alabama Court for allegedly robbing the home of the daughter of this city's mayor.

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THE HIGH court last week sent the case back for a retrial.

The Supreme Court reversal was on grounds that two confessions from Fikes constituted a denial of due process of law. Circuit Alabama Solicitor Blanchard McLeod said Fikes will be re-tried "as soon as I can get the judges together on the case."

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2nd Reprieve Given Negro

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Montgomery, Ala.
A second reprieve was granted by Gov. James E. Folsom yesterday to a 57-year-old Negro under death sentence for killing a white man. Folsom delayed for 14 days until March 8 the scheduled execution of Clarence Johnson. Last week the governor had set back the execution date to a week tomorrow.

Ed Brown, Folsom's press secretary, said the governor wanted a little more time to study the case.

Johnson was convicted of killing Homer Smith, foreman at a sawmill near Camden where they both worked. Smith also was a part time collector for a loan company. Trial testimony showed Smith went to a "honky-tonk" Johnson operated to collect money from the Negro.

Smith was killed by a shotgun blast early Jan. 1, 1956.

Johnson's family has appealed to Folsom for clemency. The governor can commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

SALT TO RUB INTO OUR WOUNDS

Supreme Court Abandons Law In Fikes Case, Says Judge

Advertiser
Sun. 3-10-57
Montgomery, Ala.
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SELMA, Ala., March 9 (AP)—The United States Supreme Court again abandoned the rules of law in reversing the death sentence of an Alabama Negro. Circuit Judge James A. Hare charged today.

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Hare continued in part: "The supreme court represents Fikes as 'an uneducated Negro, of low mentality' susceptible of

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opinion. Justice Felix Frankfurter declares that the questioning of Fikes as to the particulars of his crimes 'offends the civilized standards of the Anglo-American world'. His opinion is reminiscent of the reconstruction pronouncements of Thaddeus Stevens or the New Orleans edicts of Ben Butler, whose spiritual company he now joins.

Blonds get 10 years in Ala. attack

Advertiser
Sat. 4-13-57
Birmingham, Md.
MOBILE, Ala. (ANP)—In a state where colored youths have drawn the death penalty for the same offense, two 18-year-old white youths last week were given ten year jail terms in the rape of a housewife after posing as police officers to get the woman into their car. Jessie D. Smith and H. L. Tucker of Prichard, Ala., drew the sentences imposed by Circuit Judge David H. Edington. However the young whites have applied for probation and the jurist said he will rule on the application on April 29.

The housewife said the whites posed as police officers to get her into their car last Dec. 12. She said they drove to a rural road where they raped her.

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Post-Herald
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State Seeking To Extradite Accused Negro

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 16 (AP)—

An Alabama prosecutor said today he would begin new proceedings to bring a Negro back to Alabama from Michigan for trial on a rape charge.

Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams refused to order the return of Jerry Pruitt Jones, 20, charged with the rape of a 15-year-old white girl.

Deputy Solicitor Willard McCall of Birmingham said Williams was "completely misinformed," concerning race relations in Jefferson (Birmingham) County as well as to evidence along with the requisition.

McCall said Williams was provided with an affidavit from the girl who positively identified Jones as the man who beat her before she was raped. He said that Jones has been indicated by a grand jury.

Williams replied to the requisition by referring to "racial tensions" in Birmingham, and said the warrant signed by Birmingham Detective R. A. McMurdo "cannot be used" since "it does not appear by what means" McMurdo knew of the case.

McCall declared that "race relations in Jefferson County are very good," and he added that "there has been no mob violence here in 50 or 60 years."

NEGRO HELD IN ASSAULT
Commercial Appeal
Questioned in Attack On

Huntsville, Ala., May 27.—(UP)—A 26-year-old Negro was held here Monday in connection

with the assault of a 16-year-old girl. Police said Henry Humphrey was being held for "investigation" but solicitor Glenn Manning said he would be formally charged Tuesday. Mr. Manning said Billy Joe Collier, 16, Negro, also was arrested for investigation.

The 16-year-old girl and her girl friend were riding with two white youths Saturday night when their car became stuck in the mud about 12 miles from here.

According to police, the girls argued with the white boys and got out of the car to walk back here. Two Negroes drove by and offered to help the white youths get their vehicle out of the mud but were unsuccessful. The Negroes drove on and tried to pick up the girls.

When the girls refused them, police said, one of the Negroes grabbed one of the girls and drove off with her while his companion fled on foot.

The second girl returned to the white youths, who managed to get the license number of the Negro car, police said.

Salt in South's wounds

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Hare said the Supreme Court "has artfully contrived the opinion to give the impression that the first confession obtained from Fikes was on Thursday after his arrest on Sunday morning, and the undeniable fact, as shown in the record of the trial, is that he had confessed to Capt. Wilson Baker on Sunday evening and that he was transferred to Kilby by order of Circuit Judge W. E. Callen on Monday for safekeeping."

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HE CONTINUED in part:
"The court represents Fikes as

"an uneducated Negro, of low mentality" susceptible of pressure against his power of resistance and that "what would be overpowering to the weak will or mind might be utterly ineffective against an experienced criminal."

In the record of trial he was shown to have been 27 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense, to have served two years in the Army and 14 months of that time overseas. To be married and supporting a family of three children.

He had been convicted in three burglary cases, had spent two years in the penitentiary of Alabama, and was on probation at the time of the commission of this offense. And further, he was then charged with the commission of six other capital offenses. The court prudently refrained from defining 'experienced criminal' in the opinion."

LOCAL CASE INVOLVED

2 Doomed Negroes Win Supreme Court Victories

Two Alabama Negroes sentenced to die in Kilby Prison's electric chair—one for raping a white woman, the second for burglary and attempted rape—scored legal victories yesterday in decisions announced by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The high court, throwing out two asserted confessions, set aside the conviction of William Earl Fikes, 27, Dallas County Negro. Fikes, convicted for burglary and attempted rape of the daughter of Selma's mayor, can be retried but the questioned confessions cannot be used in evidence.

The court, at the same time, also announced it had granted a hearing to Jeremiah Reeves Jr., Montgomery Negro sentenced to death in May, 1955, on a rape conviction.

Fikes was accused of breaking into the home of Mrs. Jean Heinz Rockwell the night of April 24, 1953. After a violent struggle the woman seized a knife and routed the intruder. Nighttime burglary of an occupied house is a capital offense in Alabama.

Fikes contended his death sentence was based on confessions "extracted" during 10 days when he was held at Kilby Prison without aid of lawyers, friends or family.

The state argued that there was no physical abuse of Fikes, he was advised of his rights and he was permitted to see persons he asked for. These included his employer and a sheriff. His father also visited him while he was at Kilby, the state contended.

Chief Justice Warren, who delivered the 6-3 decision setting aside Fikes' conviction, commented that the "circumstances of pressure applied against the power of resistance (of Fikes), who cannot be deemed other than weak of will or mind, deprived him of due process of law."

In dissent, Justice Harlan said that in his opinion the court was overstepping its functions.

The hearing granted to Reeves will mark the second time the young Negro's case goes to the high court. An earlier conviction by a Montgomery Circuit Court was set aside by the U.S. Supreme Court on the ground that an illegally obtained confession was used. Reeves was later tried again in Montgomery Circuit Court and convicted a second time.

Reeves was convicted of raping a Montgomery white woman in her home July 28, 1952. He also was indicted for the rape of several other Montgomery white women, but was called to trial on but the one case.

HIGH COURT UPSETS ALABAMA CONVICTION

Commercial Appeal
State May Retry Negro But Without Confessions
JULY 1-15-57

GAS PRODUCERS LOSE
Memphis Tenn.
Special to The Commercial Appeal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—With sharp words from both sides, the Supreme Court Monday set aside, 6-3, the conviction of a Negro sentenced to death for burglary and intent to criminally assault the daughter of the mayor of Selma, Ala., in 1953.

Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the court's opinion which held that the circumstances under which confessions were taken from the Negro went "beyond the allowable limits."

Chief Justice Warren said the Negro, 27-year-old William Earl Fikes, "cannot be deemed other than weak of will or mind" and "the circumstances of pressure applied against the power of (his) resistance... deprived him of due process of law."

Beyond Bounds
For the dissenters, Justice Harlan said the decision "over-

steps the boundary between this court's function under the 14th (due process of law) Amendment and that of the state courts in the administration of state criminal justice."

Monday's decision means Alabama can retry Fikes, but without using the disputed confessions as evidence. In other actions the high court:

Granted a second hearing to another Alabama Negro, this one under death sentence for the criminal assault of a white woman. The Negro, Jeremiah Reeves Jr. was convicted in Montgomery County, Ala., in May, 1955.

Agreed to review a decision the Government was liable for compensation because of closing of gold mines during World War II.

Deny Gas Protest Review
Denied 12 natural gas producers a review of protests they made against Federal Power Commission plans to regulate them. The protesting companies contended they were not the kind of producers who were subject to FPC authority under a 1954 Supreme Court decision.

Ruled 6-3 that veterans need not repay the United States the premiums it pays on their commercial life insurance after they ask that their policies be protected against lapse while serving in the armed forces.

Threw out on a technicality the efforts of a Filipino to collect \$119,765 for supplies furnished guerrillas during the Japanese occupation of his homeland. The court said Jose Soriano had failed to file his final claim within the six-year time limit set by Congress for that type of suit.

3 boys held for attack on girl, 17

Baltimore
EAST ORANGE, N.J. Three boys, all 18 years old, were held without bail for grand jury action last week by Magistrate Luke M. McKenney when

they were arraigned on charges of criminally assaulting a 17-year-old Newark girl.

Charged with the assault on the girl in a parked car in a lot behind 487 Main St. here are: Henry Hamilton, 17, Amers St., and Lewis Blakely, 18, Halsted St., both of East Orange; and Sidney Culver, 23, Prince St., Newark.

The teenagers told police that the girl took her clothes off willingly and without threats or persuasion.

BUT THE victim's version of what actually happened was a different story.

She said she accepted a date with Hamilton by telephone, and he arranged to meet her in Newark at the corner of Avon and Jelliff Aves.

But Hamilton arrived with his companions in Blakely's car.

SHE TOLD police that was the first time she had ever met Blakely and Culver.

They brought her from Newark to the lot here where the attacks took place, then took her back home.

She said that, upon arrival, Hamilton escorted her into her parents' apartment and stayed for a few minutes.

IT WAS then that she told her mother what took place and the Newark police were called.

When they arrived, they found Hamilton still in the apartment and his two companions waiting for him in the car. They were arrested and turned over to the police here.

HIGH COURT BARS DEATH FOR NEGRO

New York
Finds Due Process Denied in Alabama Case—Minority Cites 'Sentimentalism'
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Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The Supreme Court set aside today the death sentence imposed by an Alabama Court on William Earl Fikes, a Negro, who was convicted of burglary with intent to commit rape.

The Supreme Court ruled, 6 to 3, that two confessions made by Fikes had been obtained by procedures that violated due process of law. The Fifth and Four-

teenth Amendments to the Constitution say that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process.

Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote the major opinion. He was joined by Justices Hugo L. Black, William O. Douglas and Tom C. Clark. Justices Felix Frankfurter and William J. Brennan concurred in a separate opinion.

Justice John M. Harlan wrote a dissenting opinion, in which Justices Stanley F. Reed and Harold H. Burton joined.

Jack Greenberg of New York and Peter A. Hall of Birmingham raised three questions in their appeal on behalf of Fikes. The first concerned the admission of the two confessions. Another dealt with the refusal of the trial judge to permit Fikes to testify about how the confessions were obtained and the third charged racial discrimination in the selection of the jury.

State High Court Reversed

Chief Justice Warren said that, since the judgment of the Supreme Court of Alabama upholding the conviction must be reversed because of the admission of the confessions, it was unnecessary to decide the other two issues.

As the Chief Justice stated the facts in his opinion the daughter of the Mayor of Selma, Ala., was awakened in her apartment on the night of April 24, 1953, by an intruder. She found a Negro sitting on her with a knife at her throat. She struggled, seized the knife, and her assailant fled.

At the trial she did not identify Fikes as her assailant.

Fikes was arrested "on an open charge of investigation" on May 26, when police found him in an alley in a white neighborhood in Selma. Chief Justice Warren related, Fikes, he continued, was 27 years old at the time, had left school at 16 while in the third grade and was "a schizophrenic and highly suggestible." His mother testified that he had always been "thick-headed," it was added.

Describing the circumstances under which the confessions were obtained, the Chief Justice said:

"Here the prisoner was, an uneducated Negro, certainly of low mentality, if not mentally ill... for a period of a week he was kept in isolation, except for sessions of questioning. He saw no friend or relative. Both his father and a lawyer were barred from attempts to see him."

"The protections to be afforded to a prisoner upon preliminary hearing were denied him,

contrary to the law of Alabama. He was questioned for several hours at a time over the course of five days preceding the first confession, and again interrogated at length before the written confession was secured.

"The totality of the circumstances that preceded the confessions in this case goes beyond the allowable limits. The use of the confessions secured in this setting was a denial of due process."

Justice Harlan, however, found nothing in the procedures that "violated due constitutional process."

"Concededly, there was no brutality or physical coercion," Judge Harlan stated, "And psychological coercion is by no means manifest."

Noting that the Supreme Court of Alabama had sustained the conviction, Justice Harlan declared that there was nothing in the record concerning the conduct of the state authorities that "does more than offend some fastidious squeamishness or private sentimentalism about combating crime too energetically" and "due regard for the division between state and Federal functions requires that we let Alabama's judgment stand."

In another action today the Supreme Court granted a hearing to Jeremiah Reeves Jr., a Negro under death sentence for the rape of a white housewife in her home in Montgomery, Ala. Reeves charged that his trial was unfair because Negroes were systematically excluded from juries in Montgomery County and the public was kept out of the courtroom during the trial.

Court sets aside Fikes' conviction

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(P)—The Supreme Court today set aside, 6-3, the conviction of William Earl Fikes, a Negro sentenced to death in Alabama for burglary with intent to rape.

Fikes, 27, was accused of breaking into the home of Mrs. Jean Heinz Rockwell at Selma the night of April 24, 1953. Mrs. Rockwell, daughter of the mayor of Selma, awoke to find the burglar sitting on her, holding a

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Previously, several Negroes had been arrested in connection with a reported series of burglary and rape in the city. The mayor's daughter claimed she awoke in her apartment

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NAACP Legal Refuse attorneys for Fikes were Jack Greenberg of New York who handled the case in conjunction with Peter A. Hall and Orzell Billingsley Jr., of Birmingham, Ala.

The net effect of the decision was to return the Fikes case to the Alabama courts for retrial—this time without use of the tainted confessions. More important was the overall effect: once again, and this time by a split decision, the court had inflamed the suspicions of critics who hold that too many of its recent decisions are anchored more in sociology than in the solid substance of the law.

Coercion Denied

Fikes protested his death sentence was based on two asserted confessions "extracted" during ten days in which he was held in the Kilby State Penitentiary without aid of lawyers, friends or family. The state denied any coercion in obtaining the "confessions."

Justice Frankfurter wrote a concurring opinion, in which

Justice Brennan joined, saying a can world." But Justice Frankfurter dissented, saying that the court's judgment of conviction must not be set aside by the "This record reveals a course of conduct that, however common it may be, is clearly falls below those standards."

Today's decision means Alameda County can retry Fikes, but with- out using the disputed confessions as evidence.

In other actions today, the court:

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2 Whites Get Ten Years for Rape of Negro

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — In a state where Negroes have known the death penalty for the same offense, two 16-year-old white youths last week were given 10-year jail terms in the rape of a Negro housewife after posing as police officers to get the women into their car.

Jessie D. Smith and H. L. Tucker of Prichard, Ala., drew the sentences imposed by Circuit Judge H. Edgington. However, the young whites have applied for probation and the jurist said he will rule on it.

The publisher of The Oklahoma Eagle, Eagle P.T.

Hall, informed undersheriff Madison early Friday on Frazier's whereabouts in Pittsburgh. Authorities at Pittsburgh were contacted by a long-distance telephone call requesting that they arrest Frazier.

With reference to the charge pending in District Court, the full trial was held once and a hung jury resulted. Tried before jury last September, Frazier was acquitted by an 8-4 count for the alleged sexual attack of the teen-age girl.

The girl had testified that the defendant picked her and her boyfriend up near a northside recreational center, purchased beer for them, then drove to a secluded spot where he allegedly attacked her while holding her escort at gunpoint.

Surprising the court, the girl's companion testified that he didn't see Frazier with a gun. The youth said Frazier was "nice" to them the entire time they were in his car.

Two Other Charges Filed
The girl also said she notified police after Frazier showed her his name on a social security card and asked her to meet him again.

Since that time charges were filed by a 16-year-old mother of three children and a 25-year-old mother of two. They gave similar alibis allegedly used by Frazier before entering their homes and attacking them on March 4.

Both women charged that Frazier, who is employed as a cook, came to their homes and pretended he wanted to see their husbands. He was admitted into the houses

to wait for them as they were out at home.

While waiting the alleged attacks took place.

Bit suspect on Thumb

The 19-year-old woman said she bit Frazier on the thumb and smashed him over the head with a door knob which she snatched from a door. The 25-year-old woman, a relative of the suspect, was allegedly attacked about an hour later.

The 19-year-old woman said Frazier assaulted her with intent to rape, while the other stated she was raped.

Attorneys Hall and Graham, 121 North Greenwood avenue, were counsel for the defendants. Police had reported that Frazier confessed to rape of the first victim. However, Attorney Hall said the suspect denied such charges.

In Birmingham, Ala. (pop. 365,000), quite a different kind of trial took place.

Accused of burglary "with intent to ravish" Mrs. Mary Giangrosso, an elderly white woman, was Charles Clarence Hamilton, 26, Negro. Rejecting the court-appointed lawyer, Hamilton attempted to conduct his own defense, denied the state's charge that he entered Mrs. Giangrosso's home in October and that he was caught while removing his clothing. After slightly more than an hour's deliberation, the all-white jury returned its verdict: guilty as charged. The sentence: death in the electric chair.

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Death Sentence Of Ex-Caddy Upheld

MONTGOMERY, June 27 (P) — Two executions in the Kilby Prison electric chair were scheduled by the Alabama Supreme Court today for next Sept. 27.

The court upheld the death sentence of a 23-year-old Negro former Birmingham golf caddy convicted of criminally assaulting a young white secretary and refused to rehear the case of Mrs. Rhonda Belle Martin, a white waitress convicted of poisoning a former husband.

Mrs. Martin, who signed a statement saying she poisoned three of her children, her mother and two husbands, had been scheduled to die last month. Execution was stayed while the court studied the request for rehearing of its earlier affirmation of the sentence.

The 49-year-old woman was tried only for the death of

Claude C. Martin, who died April 27, 1951.

The court's list of decisions was the last before its annual Summer recess, beginning next week.

It upheld the death sentence of Samuel (Iron Man) Taylor, who was sentenced April 26, 1956, in Jefferson County Circuit Court. The state charged that Taylor and two other Negroes, identified as Thomas Black and Mark Spruce, 17, criminally assaulted the 19-year-old secretary of an automobile finance company in Inglenook.

Black received a 10-year sentence after a state witness at Taylor's trial, William Welch,

15, repudiated part of his testimony when Black was tried.

Welch told the jury hearing the Taylor case that he overheard the three Negroes planning the assault and watched their attack from 15 or 20 yards away.

The victim testified that she and a University of Alabama male student were parked listening to the car radio when a Negro later identified as Black broke open one of the windows and unlocked the door. The other two Negroes blocked the opposite side of the car.

The state contended that Taylor first held the student while the others attacked the girl, then Taylor repeated the attack while the two held the student.

lacked counsel. They cited also the all-white grand jury and trial jury in the case.

Fike was convicted for entering the apartment of Mrs. Jean Heinz Rockwell, daughter of Selma's mayor in 1953, and threatening her with a knife which she was able to take away from him.

Fike's conviction rested entirely on the confessions, since Mrs. Rockwell said her assailant had a towel over his head and she could not identify him.

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Samuel Taylor, 22-year-old former Birmingham caddy was taken to Kilby Prison yesterday to await execution for his part in the criminal assault of a young white woman here.

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Court Overrules Death Sentence

WASHINGTON (INS) — The Supreme Court Tuesday overruled the death sentence of a 27-year-old Selma, Ala. Negro convicted of burglary with intent to rape.

Lawyers for William Earl Fikes, whom three psychiatrists testified was suffering from schizophrenia, challenged use of two confessions obtained during 10 days when he

Rape death ruling upheld

A 19-year-old Negro is slated to die in the electric chair Jan. 31 for raping a 15-year-old white mother near her rural home in Wilcox County.

The Alabama Supreme Court upheld the death sentence against Roy Huff yesterday.

Huff's two white, court-appointed lawyers, Josiah Robins Bonner and John L. Godbold of Camden, withdrew from the case in the appeal to the Supreme Court.

The teen-age Negro was charged with chasing the young sawmill worker's wife from the porch of her home where she carried a 9-month-old baby in her arms. Huff was charged with forcing the woman to submit to his advances while he held a knife on her.

The court said "all essential elements necessary to show rape were presented and abundantly proved."

Negro boy 16 rapidly convicted in molesting case

Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson, in a capital case yesterday, in two hours, 35 minutes did it.

If it wasn't the shortest capital case ever tried here it was among the shortest.

The jury deliberated 22 minutes in convicting Robert Lee Rankin, 16-year-old Negro, of carnal knowledge. The jury fixed punishment at 12 years in prison. It could have fixed punishment anywhere from 10 years to death in the electric chair.

Rankin was charged with sexually molesting a Negro girl, 4.

Selection of the jury began at 2 p.m. The jury returned its verdict at 4:35 p.m.

Judge Gibson said there was no special hurry. The case just proceeded quickly.

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**TRIBUNAL UPHOLDS
DEATH FOR NEGRO****Memphis Tenn.
Convicted In Criminal Attack****On Little Rock Mother
LITTLE ROCK, May 27**

(AP) — The death sentence of Luther Bailey, 45-year-old Negro, for rape of a white woman here last June was affirmed by the Arkansas Supreme Court Monday.

Bailey's attorney probably will file a motion for rehearing with the court.

If the expected motion is denied — and they usually are — it will be up to Gov. Orval Faubus to set a date for Bailey's electrocution. The original date passed while the appeal was pending.

The prosecuting witness, a 49-year-old widowed mother of two daughters, testified Bailey broke into her home, assaulted her twice while holding a knife at her throat and took her purse containing \$190.

An identification card found on the floor of the woman's home led to Bailey's arrest. Police officers said her purse was found in his car.

Bailey, a resident of nearby Woodson, said the woman submitted voluntarily.

The unanimous opinion upholding the verdict of a Pulaski Circuit Court jury was written by Associate Justice J. S. Holt.

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Rapist Given 25-Year Term In Wilmington

WILMINGTON, May 25—Found guilty by an all-male jury of raping a 25-year-old Camp Lejeune housewife, William Vidal Martinez was sentenced to 25 years in a federal penitentiary.

Martinez, 32-year-old unemployed laborer from Puerto Rico, where he has a wife and seven children, was sentenced shortly after U.S. District Court resumed business this morning.

Judge Don Gilliam of Tarboro pronounced sentence.

The trial, which ran into a third day this morning was unusual in that neither the defendant nor the prosecuting witness spoke English. All testimony was channelled through an interpreter.

The rape of the mother of one child and wife of a Camp Lejeune sergeant occurred Feb. 7, 1957, in the Mendoza home in Midway Park.

Mrs. Esther Velez Mendoza testified that Martinez threatened her with a knife on that night, telling her that he would kill her, her child and her husband if she didn't submit.

She said he also forced her to write a note, inviting him back to the home. The note was submitted as evidence, but the signature did not correspond with her signature on her statement, produced by C.I.D. investigators, nor to her signature which she wrote at the trial.

She said it differed because she was forced to sign it.

She also testified that Martinez did not appear to be drunk. He did not have the odor of alcohol on his breath.

The defense stressed the delay between the date of the incident and the date it was reported to investigators. There was a lapse of about a week. It claimed that there were no bruises about her body and she had not presented a struggle, or had called out.

In rebuttal, the prosecution maintained that she feared harm would come to her husband and child if she told.

Martinez recieved the verdict of the jury without a show of emotion. During the entire trial he sat with head bowed. He did not take the stand.

In sentencing Martinez, Judge

Gilliam ordered that the prisoner serve his time at the Atlanta penitentiary.

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Pre-Hearing Confession Thrown Out

High Court Upsets
Conviction of Young
D. C. Rape Suspect
Sentenced to Death

By Richard L. Lyons
Staff Reporter

The Supreme Court drastically limited yesterday the authority of police to obtain confessions from arrested suspects before they are arraigned.

New guidelines were laid down as the Court unanimously threw out the rape conviction of Andrew R. Mallory, who was sentenced to death here two years ago when he was 19. The Court ruled that to hold and question Mallory for 7½ hours before trying to have

Supreme Court orders three contempt of Congress cases sent back for Appeals Court review. Page A15

High Court upholds legality of measures curbing obscenity. Page A12

Justices order rehearing of Green murder conviction. Page A13

him arraigned violated the law of Federal courts that a suspect's right must be explained at arraignment "without unnecessary delay." Mallory's statement, obtained before arraignment, was held inadmissible. United States Attorney Oliver Gasch must decide whether to retry Mallory without the statement or drop the case.

No Specific Interval

The Supreme Court laid down no specific period in

which a suspect can be held before arraignment. This is one question that has bothered police.

But the Court said clearly that police cannot question a suspect for the purpose of obtaining a confession from him before arraignment.

The opinion, written by Justice Felix Frankfurter, said the arrested person should be arraigned "as quickly as possible." He could legally be booked first by police, and some further delay might be justified in some cases, such as checking a volunteered statement by the accused with a third party, said Frankfurter.

"But he is not to be taken to police headquarters in order to carry out a process of inquiry that lends itself, even if not so designed, to eliciting damaging statements to support the arrest and ultimately his guilt," Frankfurter wrote. "The delay must not be of a nature to give opportunity for the extraction of a confession."

For more than 10 years the controlling decision on this question has been the McNabb case, which held that it was illegal for police to hold a person after an arraigning official was available. The Court of Appeals here has split on the question whether the McNabb case outlawed any confession taken during such illegal detention or only those that "resulted from" the illegal detention.

In yesterday's opinion the Court seemed to say that no confession obtained before arraignment would be admissible as evidence in Federal courts. But it did not say that in so many words. And the Mallory case was complicated by the fact that he was a 19-year-old boy of limited intelligence who was not told by police of his rights to counsel and to a preliminary hearing, or that his statement could be used against him.

Mallory was convicted of raping a 38-year-old woman in the basement of an apartment building at 1223 12th st. nw on April 7, 1954.

U.S. Frees D.C. Man Due to Die As Rapist

No Evidence Left
When High Court
Barred Confession;
Police Concerned

Andrew R. Mallory walked out of a death cell in District Jail a free man yesterday—more than three years after he was arrested for rape.

His conviction was overturned Monday by the Supreme Court in an opinion that has concerned police officials and many Government prosecutors. The Court held that a signed confession by Mallory was not valid because the youth was held by police too long before being arraigned, and he was not advised of his rights.

United States Attorney Oliver Gasch told Chief Judge Bolitha J. Laws yesterday that without the confession he did not think the Government had enough evidence to get a conviction in a new trial.

Victim's Ordeal Cited

He said the victim of the attack suffered "physical and psychological injury" and added:

"To subject this innocent victim to the ordeal of testifying again about these distressing circumstances would be unfair to her and her husband unless there is a reasonable prospect of obtaining a conviction."

Laws granted the motion for dismissal and Mallory was freed about two hours later.

Mallory went to the office of his attorney, William B. Bryant, a former assistant United States Attorney. He told a reporter he was too dazed to talk about his plans but added:

"I don't want to be around

here much longer. I got an idea if anything happens on the streets, they'll be picking me up."

Police Procedure in Doubt

The case has thrown police and many Government law enforcement officials into a quandary. Many fear that the unanimous Supreme Court ruling tells the police they can't question a suspect after they arrest him.

Assistant Attorney General Warren Olney is known to believe that the decision will have its greatest impact on gangster crimes where hardened professionals will take advantage of it.

Police Chief Robert V. Murray stuck to his contention that the decision "handcuffs" policemen and "renders them almost totally ineffective."

"If we had the Mallory case to do over again tomorrow we couldn't do a better job," Murray said.

Murray said that Mallory was advised of his rights before he dictated and signed his written statement on April 8, 1954. He said Mallory was told:

"You are now requested to give a statement of any facts known to you in connection with this matter. However, you are first advised that you are not compelled to make a statement, are not promised any consideration for making one, and do so of your own free will. If necessary, the statement you make will be used for or against you at your trial. Having been so advised do you wish to make a statement?"

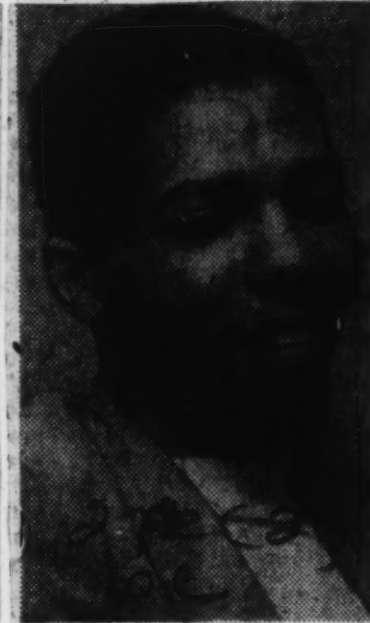
Mallory answered, "I want to," Murray said.

Breach of Rules Claimed

Justice Felix Frankfurter said in the Court opinion that Mallory "was not told of his rights to counsel or to a preliminary examination before a magistrate, nor was he warned that he might keep silent and that any statement made by him may be used against him."

This backed up the contention of Mallory's lawyers that he was held in "deliberate disregard" of Rule 5 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This rule requires that an arrested person must be brought before a committing magistrate "without unreason-



By Frank Hoy, Staff Photographer

ANDREW J. MALLORY
... freed by high court

sary delay." Mallory was questioned for 7½ hours before police tried to have him arraigned.

Frankfurter's opinion noted that the procedure outlined in Rule 5 was "devised by Congress to safeguard individual rights without hampering effective and intelligent law enforcement."

United States Attorney Gasch said he interpreted this to mean that Congress can change the wording in Rule 5 to allow police more leeway in questioning suspects.

Congressmen's Views

He and Murray are agreed that Congress should spell out what police can and cannot do in the arraignment of suspects.

Chairman Howard W. Smith (D-Va.) of the House Rules Committee said "there is considerable confusion about the Court's ruling not being specific. I don't know how to make it specific." He added he would be interested in a law that would clarify the question of "unnecessary delay."

"Obviously we cannot wait every time until three years after a man is convicted and then undo all the work that led to that conviction," he added.

Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R-Ky.), a former trial judge,

said he thought the Mallory ruling was an "inevitable decision." He said it recognized that "police abuses," though not general, do exist. The Court's decision should go a long way toward preventing them, he added.

Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, chairman of a special Judiciary Subcommittee on Improving the Federal Code, had no comment.

He said his staff has had the question of arrest and arraignment procedures under study

for several months. Hearings are planned later this summer. Committee Counsel C. Aubrey Gasque said the research so far has included the problem of the length of time an arrested person might be held before arraignment.

Frankfurter's opinion left open the question of whether police can question a suspect after he is arrested but not arraigned.

He noted that "circumstances may justify a brief delay between arrest and arraignment, as for instance, where the story volunteered by the accused is susceptible of quick verification through third parties."

The next sentence adds: "But the delay must not be of a nature to give opportunity for the extraction of a confession."

This is the sentence that has police stumped. They readily concede that at least 50 per cent of their felony convictions are the result of confessions.

They also point out that many of the cases do not involve on-the-spot arrests, especially in rape and sex cases where there are rarely witnesses.

Murray also argues that questioning of suspects more often protects the innocent. The Chief said his Department would continue to operate the way it has in the past. He said he would have further conferences with Gasch and "maybe some arrangement can be worked out so we can comply

with the Court decisions and still do our job."

In a related case, District Court Judge Henry A. Schweinhaut denied a motion to suppress an oral confession made

in connection with an indecent liberties case.

John J. Dwyer, defense attorney for John H. Green, 33, formerly of 2332 N. st. nw., based his motion on the Mallory case.

Green was arrested at 3 p. m. Jan. 30 at George Washington Hospital on charges of assault with intent to commit carnal knowledge of a 3-year-old girl and taking indecent liberties.

Police tried to question him at the hospital, but said he was too drunk. They took him to Police Headquarters and tried again at 4 p. m. and 6:30 p. m., but again he was too drunk, the Court was told, so he was locked up overnight.

At about 9:30 a. m. the next day police talked to him again and he made an oral confession, police said. He was arraigned about an hour later in Municipal Court.

Schweinhaut ruled that Green's detention was reasonable and did not induce a confession.

The jury convicted him of indecent liberties after Assistant United States Attorney Joseph M. Hannon withdrew the assault charge. The conviction carries a maximum sentence of 10 years.

High Court Daily World Upsets D. C. Huro, 6-27-57 Death Sentence

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (NNPA) — The Supreme Court Monday set aside the conviction and death sentence of Andrew R. Mallory, 22-year old youth of limited intelligence.

Mallory was found guilty in the District Court here of raping Mrs. Stella O'Keane in the furnace room of the basement of the apartment building where she lived and where his half-brother was the janitor.

He appealed from the judgment of the United States Court of Appeals upholding his conviction.

In a unanimous opinion delivered by Justice Felix Frankfurter, the court said: "It is not a function of police to arrest, as is here, at large and to use an interrogating process at police headquarters in order to determine whom they should charge before a committing magistrate of 'probable cause.'"

Mrs. O'Keane was raped after

she had gone to the basement of the apartment building to wash some clothes. She found a hose so tightly attached to the faucet of the sink that she could not uncouple it.

She knocked on the door of the janitor's apartment where Mallory, who was then only 19, was living with his half-brother, the janitor, and his family, including his wife, two grown sons, and a younger son.

Mallory, who was alone in the apartment, responded to Mrs. O'Keane's knock. He detached the hose for her and went back to the apartment.

A few minutes later, while in the drying room of the basement, Mrs. O'Keane looked around to see a man with a handkerchief over his face, fitting the general description of Mallory.

When Mrs. O'Keane screamed she was choked, thrown to the floor, dragged to the furnace room and attacked.

Mallory was arrested the next afternoon. Police questioned him at Headquarters for about half an hour. When questioning failed to get a confession, they asked him to submit to a lie-detector test. He was not told of his rights to counsel or to be taken before a magistrate, nor was he warned that he might keep silent and that any statement he made might be used against him.

After four hours of further detention at police headquarters, he was given the lie-detector test which lasted for another hour. Not until he confessed did the police arraign him.

The court said it could not "sanction this sustained delay" resulting in a confession.

Attorney William B. Bryant, Joseph C. Waddy and William O. Gardner represented Mallory.

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Plea Halted For Soldier Held Insane

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Sat. 4-27-57
The United States Court of Military Appeals refused yesterday to allow appellate proceedings to continue in the case of a 27-year-old soldier adjudged insane after he was convicted of rape.

The Court had ruled 18 months ago that the proceedings could continue in the case of Wallace Bell of Summit County, Miss. In its reversal yesterday, the Court said its earlier decision was an "incorrect rule of law."

Bell was convicted of raping the wife of another soldier at Camp Roberts, Calif., in 1954. He was found sane at the time of the incident and the trial, but was adjudged insane while his appeal was pending.

The Army protested that yesterday's ruling may make its care of insane persons more difficult. Judge George W. Latimer, however, said an accused's "last hope" should not be ended while he is insane, even though the Government may be "saddled with some additional burden."

The Court ruled that appellate procedure must be suspended when an accused man is found insane, because he would be stripped of ability to assist in his own appeal.

Its order means that Bell may resume his appeal if he is ever declared sane. Bell is at present in a military mental hospital.

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Assault Case Trial Is Set For Bedwell

The Times-Union Bureau

DE LAND, Aug. 2—Edward L. Bedwell, 21, of Chicago, pleaded innocent in circuit court today at arraignment on charges of raping a 13-year-old Oak Hill girl March 9, 1956, near DeLand. Trial was set for 9 a.m. Aug. 20.

Bedwell recently was extradited from Chicago to answer the charges.

Arraignment of Walter R. Hoffman, Daytona Beach dog warden, for second degree murder in the death of his wife, Janet, was continued until Aug. 21.

Circuit Judge Robert H. Wingfield agreed to the delay in order for the defendant to arrange for counsel.

Hoffman, 44, is accused of injecting a dose of poison into his 51-year-old wife about an hour before she died last July 7.

At the request of the state attorney and prison authorities, Judge Wingfield agreed to nolle prosequere an assault and robbery charge against William D. Davis, 33, of Miami.

Pleading guilty at arraignment and sentenced to prison terms at Ralston were:

Norman K. Hall, 42, Daytona Beach, grand larceny, one year; Douglas Justice, 27, Jacksonville, auto theft, four years; Willie J. Alexander, 32, DeLand, auto theft, one year; Harold E. McChristian, 21, Cela, Ark., auto theft, one year, and Martin Lee Passley, 26, Mascotte, escape, one year.

Sentence was deferred on Ellar Harris, 24, of DeLand, who pleaded guilty to theft of \$200, pending attempts to make restitution.

Benny Freed In Rape Trial

DE LAND, Fla. (UP)—Edward L. (Benny the Dishwasher) Bedwell headed home to a "new life" in Chicago today, free of a charge that he raped a 13-year-old girl. A six-man circuit court jury de-

liberated only 25 minutes Wednesday night before returning its verdict of innocent.

The illiterate 31-year-old drifter whooped with joy at the verdict, which freed him from prison for the first time in more than six months.

Bedwell was first arrested in Chicago early this year after he confessed to the brutal murder of two teen-agers. He repudiated his confession and was freed but immediately re-arrested on a Florida warrant charging him with the statutory rape of a 13-year-old girl at Oak Hill, Fla., in March 1956.

"I'm the happiest woman in the country," his mother, a witness at the trial, said. "I knew he wasn't guilty."

Bedwell took the stand Wednesday and admitted he had relations with the mature-looking young girl but insisted she "made all the advances."

He said she "offered herself" to him during a date that was approved by her parents.

Bennie Bedwell Found Innocent In Rape Case

DE LAND, Fla., Aug. 2—Edward (Bennie) Bedwell, illiterate carnival roustabout and Chicago skid row dishwasher, today was found innocent of raping a 13-year-old girl.

A Circuit Court jury returned the verdict after 25 minutes deliberation.

The 21-year-old Bedwell broke into the news last year when he confessed a part in the slaying of Barbara and Patricia Grimes at Chicago.

He later recanted and was cleared in that case but a girl from nearby Oak Hill, Fla., identified him from news pictures as a man she said raped her while he was here as a roustabout with a carnival last year.

Before the case went to the jury two Negro women and a constable testified that the girl apparently enjoyed living with Bedwell in a shack during the carnival.

Florida Court Upholds Everett Sentence

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Aug. 14

The death sentence of George Lowell Everett, 22-year-old Columbus, Ga., youth for the rape slaying of a former Oklahoma high school beauty queen was upheld by Florida Supreme Court today.

The court's ruling leaves the state pardon board no choice but to execute Everett and execution in the

electric chair. Unless commutation is granted by the pardon board Gov. Leroy Collins will fix the date for carrying out the death sentence.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for mid-September.

Everett was convicted of the rape slaying of Mrs. Lou Ellen Jones, 21, pretty wife of an Air Force sergeant at Tyndall Field, Panama City. The murder occurred in the Jones' apartment.

Everett, 22, was a member of a high school band.

Negro Asks Court to Bar Chair Death

A condemned Negro rapist yesterday asked federal court to save him from the electric chair on the ground his constitutional rights are being violated.

Jimmie Lee Thomas of Jacksonville, sentenced to die for the rape of a white woman in a local cemetery, said in a petition for a writ of habeas corpus that the verdict denied him his constitutional right to equal protection of the laws.

Through his attorney, Thomas cited figures to uphold his claim of discrimination, showing that only one white man has ever been executed for rape in Florida while more than 24 Negroes have died for the crime within the past 21 years.

Thomas asked federal court to halt plans for his execution and require state officials to show cause why he should be deprived of his life. No hearing had been set on Thomas' petition, which

was filed late yesterday by one of his attorneys, Ernest D. Jackson Sr.

No Recommendation for Mercy
A Circuit Court jury here on July 21, 1955, found Thomas guilty of rape without a mercy recommendation. That verdict in Florida makes the death penalty mandatory. Judge Claude Ogilvie formally passed sentence the following Sept. 29 after denying a new trial motion.

The Florida Supreme Court last Feb. 6 affirmed the conviction and the U.S. Supreme Court on June 17 declined to hear the case. The State Pardon Board on Sept. 11 refused to commute the death sentence for Thomas, father of two children.

The other attorney filing the habeas corpus petition was Belford McGriff.

Six Weeks of Freedom Ends

Groveland Case Fugitive

Captured in Fort Pierce

A young Negro who figured in the Groveland rape case—one of the most celebrated in the history of the South—was arrested Saturday in Fort Pierce six weeks after his escape from Belle Glade prison camp.

Charles Greenlee, 24, had been living the life of a model citizen in Fort Pierce since his escape, said Constable S. E. Richardson, who made the arrest.

He said Greenlee had a job at a packing plant and had bought himself a car. Richardson said he had a confidential tip which led to the prisoner's apprehension.

Greenlee, was accused along with three other Negroes of raping a 17-year-old white girl wife on the morning of July 16, 1949.

The girl and two of the accused men, Samuel Shepherd and Walter Lee Irvin, all lived in the Lake County community of Groveland. Greenlee and Ernest Thomas had come to Groveland from Gainesville only the day before the incident.

Thomas was killed by a posse in North Florida a day after being identified as one of the assailants. Greenlee

pleaded guilty and drew a life sentence.

Shepherd and Irvin pleaded innocent, were found guilty in a trial at Tavares, Lake County seat. Enroute to the second trial Shepherd was killed in an alleged escape attempt. Irvin was found guilty in a second trial and sentenced to death. His sentence was commuted to life last year by Gov. LeRoy Collins.

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Ga. Escapee Sentenced To Chair for Assault

Copistitution Wed. 9-11-57 P. 13
ATLANTA, Ga. Sept. 1 (AP)—John Henry White, Negro, who escaped from the Berrien County prison camp in August and was charged with raping a young white mother soon afterwards, has been sentenced to be electrocuted.

The sentence was given him by Judge Folks Huxford of Homer-ville after a Superior Court jury found White guilty of rape yesterday with 25 minutes of deliberations. Oct. 4 was set for the execution in the state prison at Reidsville.

Sheriff Walter J. Gaskins said there was no semblance of disorder or threat of violence during the one-day trial.

When he escaped early Aug. 20, the Negro was serving a forgery sentence from Bibb County.

The rape victim told officers White threatened her life and that of her small child with her at the farm home. Along with raping her, she related, he took a shirt, trousers and other garments belonging to her husband, who was absent at the time.

The Negro fled the work camp in a county truck which was found abandoned in the edge of a swampy area.

Youths Admit Taking Part In Abduction, Assault Case

Atlanta youths Friday admitted taking part in Tuesday abduction and rape of a 42-year-old woman who was reportedly assaulted five times by five persons in an abandoned dump near Wil-
Way, N. E.

One of the young men admitted actually assaulting the woman; he described her as being slightly intoxicated. The other said he only drove the auto used in the abduction and later sat in the back seat as the victim was taken to "Saint Dennis" Edward's, 356 Jackson Place, N. E. said he had

"on the corner," and invited them along when he followed her.

The boys said they followed the woman and her companion several blocks before the couple parked at the Edgewood address. Lee said Jackson told him to drive after they picked up the woman.

no desire" to have intimate relations with the victim. His companion, a 15-year-old youth admitted assaulting the woman, but claimed three other youths also attacked her. One of them twice.

Both youths were arrested by Detectives Howard Baugh and C. J. Perry, who disclosed both would be held on suspicion of rape. Officers also arrested a 20-year-old man and were seeking a 15-year-old youth believed to have taken part in the attack.

Raleigh Jackson, of 288 Hilliard Street, was being held on suspicion of rape, but was not questioned Friday afternoon. Jackson is married.

Jackson told police Friday that they warned the woman's companion they would break out all the windows in the vehicle if he attempted to stop them from taking the woman along with them.

Police said the youths would be held also on suspicion of attacking a second man who narrowly missed being harmed by the youths.

Man, identified as Charlie Rawson of B-15 Yonge St., S. E. was quoted as saying he heard a woman screaming off Hilliard St., near Edgewood Avenue in an alley.

Running to the scene he was just in time to see an auto bearing several youths and a woman. The auto started off without the headlights being turned on. Rawson jumped in front of the car and attempted to flag it down. He fled and narrowly missed being struck when the driver apparently tried to run him down.

Police said the youths revealed they carried the woman to a vacant field off Willoughby Way, N. E. where they assaulted her. The auto was reportedly the property of Jackson. Two of the youths said Jackson approached them and described a woman he had just seen

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Dunn pleaded not guilty before a packed court room at the beginning of his trial Tuesday morning.

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DEATH IN CHAIR ENDS LONG CASE

Lat. 1-5-57
REIDSVILLE, Ga., Jan. 4 (P)—Amos Reece, 31-year-old Negro who was convicted three times of raping a white woman, near Marietta, was electrocuted at the state prison Friday. Reece was a trusty convict when the woman was raped on Oct. 20, 1953. The state charged he left a road grading machine, entered her home and raped her.

His conviction was thrown out by the U. S. supreme court on one occasion on the ground the jury was not properly selected. Later the justice department ordered an investigation of the Cobb county jury system that brought severe criticism from congressmen in Georgia and South Carolina.

The supreme court held that Reece had not been properly indicted. It said he did not have proper legal counsel and was indicted by a grand jury that did not include Negroes.

An FBI investigation of charges of irregularities in the county's method of selecting jurors showed there was no systematic exclusion of Negroes from Cobb juries.

The Georgia supreme court turned down an appeal for a fourth trial for Reece last October. Gov. Marvin Griffith granted a 30-day stay of execution last November to permit an examination of the condemned man by a sanity commission.

Chair Claims

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REIDSVILLE, Ga. — Amos

Reece was electrocuted here Friday for the alleged rape of a white woman in Cobb County.

The death concluded a three-year fight of the prison trusty for his life, which resulted in an FBI investigation of jury selection methods.

Almost a year ago the Justice Department announced in Washington and Atlanta that Cobb County was "cleared" of charges of bias in jury selection, but said that compliance with the law was only "token."

Reece, who was a prison laborer on a road construction crew, at the time of the alleged assault, denied until the end his guilt.

CONVICT YOUTH OF RAPE

Daily World
Thurs. 3-21-57
Atlanta, Ga.

A teenaged youth was convicted Wednesday of criminally assaulting a 50-year-old woman after he allegedly knocked her down and dragged her to his basement apartment. Henry Johnson Ellis, of a Crumley St., S. W., address was sentenced to serve from four to 10 years in prison for a February 9 attack on a 50-year-old mother. He was charged with having carnal knowledge of the woman after knocking her down and dragging her around a Crumley St. dwelling to his basement apartment.

Judge J. C. Tanksley read the sentence after an all-white jury found the defendant guilty and recommended mercy. The jury also set limits of the sentence. (Rape cases involving white victims and Negro defendants usually bring death sentences).

Robert Terrell, of a Crumley St. address, told the jury he saw the defendant knock the woman down and drag her behind the house.

Homicide Detectives Howard Baugh and C. J. Perry said Ellis was already serving a 12-month sentence for beating another woman on the same night he attacked the mother.

Ptl. F. W. Johnson testified that he and Ptl. R. T. Roper broke open the door of the defendant's apartment and found him assaulting the woman. The officers said they forced the woman's tormentor to release her.

His Wife in England Reads Of Krull Facing Chair Here

Constitution *Mon. 3-25-57*
Atlanta, Ga.
Michael Krull, now under death sentence at the Federal Penitentiary here, has a wife in England who found out where he was by reading an American detective magazine.



Michael Krull

in February of last year. They both received the death sentence, but various appeals have kept the sentences from yet being carried out.

The Krulls were tried in federal court because the alleged crime took place at Chickamauga Park, a federal reservation.

FBI Ordered To Open Its Files in Rome Trial

Constitution *Thurs. 6-6-57*
Atlanta, Ga.
ROME, June 5 (A)—A U.S. judge today ordered complete FBI reports of a rape investigation turned over to the defendant despite vigorous protest of a government prosecutor.

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The decree was handed down in Washington Monday in keeping with the principle that an accused person has a right to confront his accusers.

District Judge Frank A. Hooper yesterday had directed FBI statements from government witnesses be delivered to attorneys for Leonard E. Hicks, 18, and Charles F. Price, 17, accused of raping a 15-year-old girl in a national park.

The U.S. attorney complied with this ruling but when Hooper, after further argument, said it appeared to him that the full investigative report should be included, the prosecution protested.

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FULL REPORTS

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Hicks and Price, high school students from Rossville, an industrial town in north Georgia, are being tried on charges of attacking the girl in Chickamauga National Park near their home.

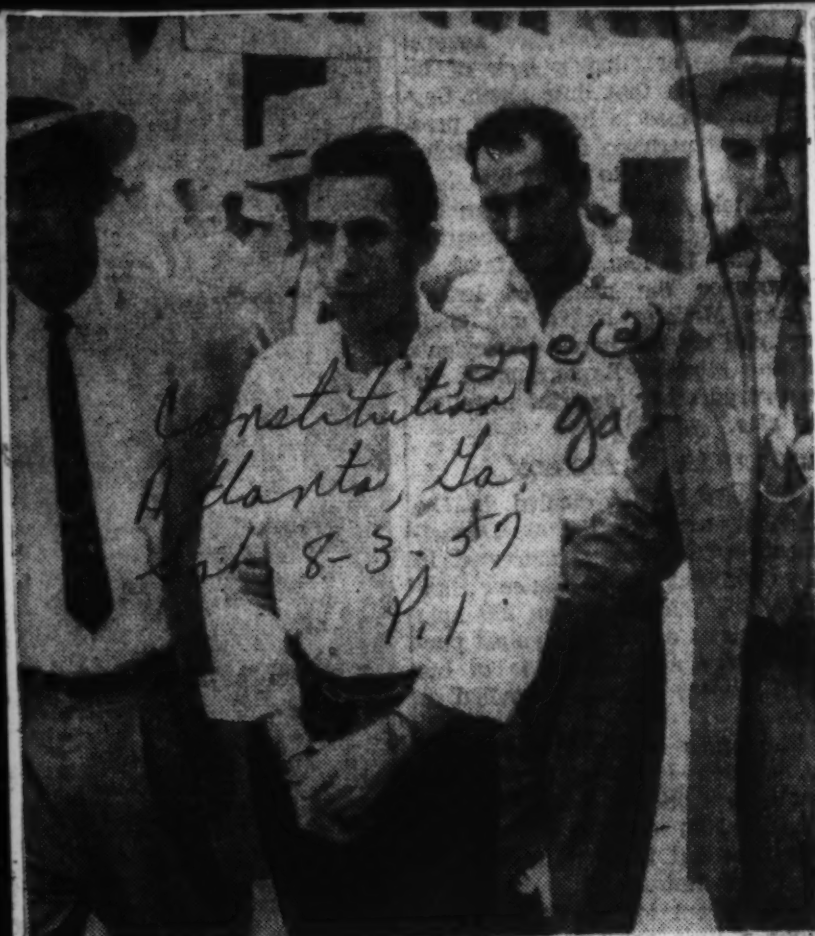
They were brought into U. S. court because the alleged offense occurred on a federal reservation.

Court Opens File Of FBI To Defendant

Advertiser *P.1*
Thurs. 6-6-57
Montgomery, Ala.

ROME, Ga., June 5 (A)—A U.S. judge today ordered complete FBI reports of a rape investigation turned over to the accused over the vigorous protest of a government prosecutor.

It was the first application of a Supreme Court decree that essential FBI evidence must be made available to a defendant or the prosecution dropped.



Staff Photo—Ken Patterson

U.S. DEPUTIES ESCORT DOOMED KRULL BROTHERS
Shirt-Sleeved Mike, Front, and George Led from Court Here

Michael Krull Pleads For His Life in Court

BY GENE BRITTON

Michael Krull made a dramatic courtroom plea for his life Friday, expressed gratitude to his court-appointed attorney—then, with his brother George, headed down the last lap to the electric chair.

The Krulls will die Aug. 21 for the kidnap-rape of a 53-year-old Chattanooga spinster.

STATE DEATHHOUSE

U. S. District Judge Frank A. Hooper sentenced the brothers from McKees Rock, Pa., to be electrocuted at the Georgia State Prison deathhouse between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on the 21st.

The sentence—number three for the Krulls—came after Michael, 32, pleaded for 25 minutes for his life when Judge Hooper asked if they had anything to say. George, 36, stood in stolid silence while his brother argued that he did not rape the Chattanooga woman on the fed-

didn't touch that woman in the government park."

Judge Hooper told him, "The case has been thoroughly tried and I am sure your attorneys did not overlook anything that would have helped."

Krull agreed with the judge and told the court he wanted to thank his lawyer for all efforts in his behalf.

PERSONAL PLEA FAILS

Brothers Slated to Die In Georgia for Assault

ATLANTA, Aug. 2 (AP)—The Krull brothers must die in the Georgia prison at Reidsville Aug. 21 for the kidnap-rape of a Chattanooga, Tenn., woman.

A 25-minute personal plea today by Michael, 32, failed to save him and his brother, George, 36, from their third and "final" date with death for the crime in the Chickamauga National Park.

George protested to Judge the state prison because the U.S. Frank A. Hooper in U.S. District Court that he did "not touch the woman" in the national park and by federal officers.

Hooper heard the slender, dark-haired prisoner out but concluded: "The case has been thoroughly tried and I am sure your attorneys did not overlook anything that would have helped."

George asked the court only that he might have a little more time "to wind up my business." Hooper said that if prison officials thought this necessary he might entertain such a motion. George replied, "It's mighty hard to get anything from them out there."

The McKees Rock Pa., brothers, wearing spotless white shirts, appeared entirely recovered from an "end of the road" suicide attempt in their cells at the U.S. penitentiary here. They pierced blood vessels in their arms early yesterday after learning that President Eisenhower had denied them executive clemency—their last chance of escaping death.

They were convicted Feb. 4, 1956, of kidnaping a 53-year-old business woman on the streets of Chattanooga April 14, 1955, and driving her across the state line into the national park where she was raped repeatedly.

The woman this week disclosed that she had received a letter from the brothers begging her to intervene to save their lives, but that she did not answer.

"They didn't answer me when I pleaded with them that day in April of 1955," she commented.

The execution is scheduled for

PAIR STOIC BEFORE CHAIR

Brothers Executed For Kidnap-Rape

Montgomery, Ala.
REIDSVILLE, Ga., Aug. 21 (AP)—George Krull, 36, and his brother Michael, 32, went stoically to their

death in the electric chair today for the 1955 kidnap-rape of a Chattanooga, Tenn., woman. Each flanked by a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, the McKees Rock, Pa. brothers walked unassisted to the death chair at the Georgia State Prison. They made no final statement and instructed their confessors to make none for them.

A single shock of the 2,300-volt current was sufficient for each. George died first, his younger brother 12 minutes later. Relatives arranged to return the bodies to Pennsylvania for burial.

The two were prosecuted and executed by the U.S. government because the April 14 crime culminated in the Chickamauga National Park of north Georgia. A 53-year-old business woman was forced into an automobile on a Chattanooga street, taken to the park just over the state line and repeatedly raped.

The Krulls were convicted in Atlanta Feb. 4, 1956. A series of appeals, the last to the President, voided two dates for their execution. The third and final date was set by U.S. Dist. Judge Frank A. Hooper in Atlanta Aug. 2.

At that time, Michael pleaded with the court for 25 minutes that he was illegally convicted. He claimed he did not molest the woman in the federal park and hence should have been tried if at all in a state court.

The judge replied that Michael and his brother, who stood silently, had been thoroughly tried and he felt sure their attorneys had overlooked nothing that would have helped them.

The state prison facilities were leased for the electrocution, the first federal execution at the 27-year-old prison.

Negro Given Death Chair In Georgia

NASHVILLE, Ga., Sept. 10—A Negro convict who raped a white woman after he escaped from a Berrien County prison camp last month was sentenced to death in the electric chair by a jury which heard the case in Berrien Superior Court.

Judge Folks Huxford of the Alapaha Judicial Circuit, sentenced John Henry White to die Oct. 4. The jury was out 25 minutes before returning the verdict.

White escaped from the prison camp the morning of Aug. 20, and made his way to a house in search of civilian clothing. The woman occupant said the Negro threatened her life and the life of her infant before carrying out the attack on her. Her husband had left for work a short time before the Negro came to the house.

White left the house after the attack and made his way to a swampy area between Nashville and Tifton. He was arrested the following morning after being tracked down by bloodhounds.

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House Votes Miller \$22,500
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 SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — (INS) — A man who spent four and a half years in an Illinois prison before it was discovered the woman who accused him of the rape for which he was convicted was suffering from a "schizophrenic personality" was voted \$22,500 Thursday by the Illinois House.

The bill appropriating the money to Harold Miller, of Chicago, now goes to the senate for consideration.

The bill by Rep. Abner Mikva (D) of Chicago, sets out that after Miller had spent his 54 months in prison, it was belatedly discovered that "no crime had been committed."

But it was not until the woman's husband had her committed to a mental institution that Miller's case was reopened, and "the miscarriage of justice" proven.

STATE TO SEEK THE CHAIR FOR RAPE-SLAYER
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Killer Re-enacts Strangling
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Chi. Trib. 7-11-57

State's Atty. Adamowski disclosed yesterday he intends to seek the death penalty for a University of Chicago janitor who admitted he strangled and raped a 62 year old housewife and that he raped several other women in the university environs.

This is cold blooded murder," Adamowski said, as he

ordered his first assistant, Frank Fetic, to seek grand jury action today against the janitor, George Sims, 29, of 6203 Greenwood av.

Quizzed 18 Hours
 Sims, questioned for more than 18 hours Sunday and yesterday, first admitted three rapes and an attempted rape when confronted by his victims. Then he broke and admitted strangling and raping Mrs. Jeannie Johnson, 62, last April 2 in her home at 6428 Kimbark av.

He was taken to the Johnson apartment where he showed policemen how he committed the murder. Asst. State's Atty. Vernon Thompson, and two ministers from the University of Chicago, the Rev. Nathan A. Scott and the Rev. Walter Harrelson also viewed the reenactment.

Later, in Thompson's office, he signed his earlier confession and Adamowski promised him a speedy trial but pledged there will be "no compromise."

Sims, who kept a "future book" in which he listed his intended victims, was arrested by Hyde Park policemen early Sunday at 55th st. and Ellis av. because he matched the description of a rapist who has been terrorizing the university area since last Dec. 1.

Investigate 25 Attacks
 Police said that since that late there have been about 25 rapes, attempted rapes, and burglaries in the area, most of them involving single young women employed as teachers or staff members at the university or in hospitals on the campus.

Sims confessed raping and robbing three women in their south side apartments on Feb. 24, March 10, and April 9. He also admitted attempting

to rape Miss Beatrice Mintz, 36, of 5742 Drexel blvd., associate professor of biologic sciences at the university, on April 13.

Sims, a university janitor since last May, said that he usually smoked a marijuana cigaret and drank for several hours before he sought a victim. He confessed using ether on one of his victims and police said ether was used in several other rapes. The ether attack victims have not as yet confronted Sims.

Sims said he got the names of his victims from records in rooms he cleaned on the campus.

15 Next on List

A list of six women who had been raped and another list, the "future book," of 15 women who had not been victimized were found in his apartment.

In his reenactment of the murder of Mrs. Johnson, Sims showed how he waited in her apartment, dropped a cord around her neck after she entered and strangled her. He said he pounded her head on the floor, tied her to the furniture, and raped her. He left after taking \$150 from the wallet of her husband, a janitor, who was working in a nearby yard.

SENATE OK'S DEATH PENALTY IN RAPE CASES
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Foe of Bill Warns of More Sex Murders
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BY GEORGE TAGGE
 (Chicago Tribune Staff Service)
 Springfield, Ill., May 8 — The death penalty would be possible in some rape cases under a bill passed by the senate today amid warnings that it

would result in more murders by rapists.

The measure got 31 affirmative votes, only two more than the 29 needed. There were 25 votes against it.

A rapist could be executed only if the rape was accompanied by "extreme violence and great injury."

Chief sponsor of the bill, Sen. Robert Cherry (D., Chicago), said it is indorsed by Chicago Police Commissioner Timothy J. O'Connor and the Chicago city council. He read an editorial from THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE supporting the measure.

Women Members Divided

The two women members of the senate were divided on roll call. Sen. Lottie Holman O'Neill (R., Downers Grove) voted for the bill. Sen. Lillian Schlagenhauf (R., Quincy), a lawyer, was against it because she "would rather have a raped woman alive than a raped woman dead."

Three former state's attorneys spoke against the bill — Senators Glen O. Jones (R., Raleigh), Albert Scott (R., Canton), and Joseph R. Peterson (R., Princeton). They agreed the death penalty would make it difficult to qualify juries and would induce rapists to kill their victims.

"I'd be glad to be the executioner," said Jones, "but the actual result will be more murders than rape convictions."

But Sen. Robert R. Canfield (R., Rockford), once selected as the outstanding state's attorney in Illinois, said juries could still inflict penalties as light as one year's imprisonment. Fear of the death sentence may prevent some rapes, he said, and he voted for the bill.

Step Backward: Libonati
 Sen. Arthur W. Sprague (R., La Grange) said the bill demonstrates that society's first duty is to protect itself, while continuing to work to remove causes of crime.

"Rape is caused by a diseased mind," said Sen. Roland

V. Libonati (D., Chicago) "The death penalty is no deterrent — it is a step backward."

Also passed and sent to the house was a bill providing for state licensing of nursing homes, sheltered care homes, and homes for the aged. Minimum standards would be required for all places caring for three or more adults not related to the operator, where profit is made.

Sees End to Hundreds

Sen. Fred Hart (R., Streator), chief sponsor, said there are more than 1,500 homes to be licensed and supervised. Operation of homes could be stopped by court injunction obtained by the state department of public health.

Sen. John P. Meyer (R., Danville) said there are hundreds of homes which could not meet state standards and would "go down the drain." These now offer care at costs that can be paid by relatives, he said. Meyer predicted the end result will be that thousands of elderly persons will be forced to seek shelter in state mental hospitals.

Chicago Janitor Gets 199 Years In Rape-Slaying
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Chi. Trib. 7-11-57

CHICAGO, July 9 — A janitor at the University of Chicago has been sentenced to 199 years in prison for the rape-slaying of a 62-year-old housewife.

George Sims, 29-year-old Negro, was convicted of strangling Mrs. Jeannie Johnson in her South Side apartment April 2. Mrs. Johnson is white. Sims pleaded innocent, claiming he was drunk when Mrs. Johnson was raped and slain.

Judge Maheld P. O'Connell termed the slaying "a vicious crime" and said there were no mitigating circumstances. A series of burglaries and assault charges against Sims were dismissed.

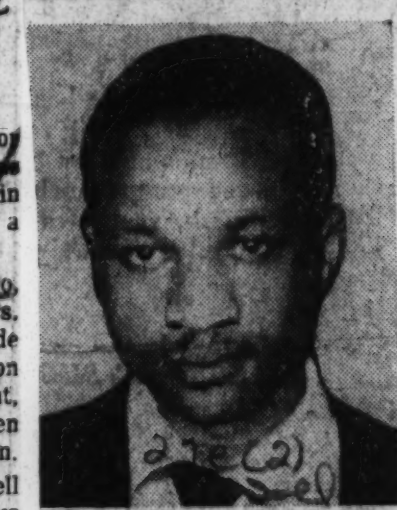
Prosecutors said a list of 18 women employed at the University was found in Sims's room after his arrest.

Rape-Slayer Sentenced to 199 Yr. Term
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Chi. Trib. 7-11-57

Still protesting his innocence, George Sims, 29, of 6203 University av., a former University of Chicago janitor, was sentenced yesterday to 199 years in the penitentiary for the rape-slaying of Mrs. Jeannie Johnson, 62, who was found strangled in her home at 6428 Kimbark av. April 2. He was convicted of murder by Judge Harold P. O'Connell at a bench trial in Criminal court.

Sims had testified that he confessed after police beat him.

Strike Other Charges
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 "I hope the police do as good a job in finding the real murderer as they did in convicting me," Sims said after sentence was imposed. "I am innocent of this crime. The



GEORGE SIMS
 man who did this must be a maniac."

After the sentence, the state's attorney's office agreed to strike, with leave to reinstate, three charges of rape, three of burglary, and one of

assault with intent to rape which also were pending against Sims.

The state's attorney's office had asked the death penalty. William F. Fitzpatrick, assistant public defender, had asked for acquittal, asserting that the state's whole case was based on a confession after 20 hours of police questioning.

When Judge O'Connell made his guilty finding, Fitzpatrick asked for mercy, but it met a rejoinder by Louis Gordon, assistant state's attorney, that Sims was guilty of "a one man crime wave and had the neighborhood in an uproar."

Crime Called "Vicious"

"The only question here," Judge O'Connell commented, "is whether the defendant should get the extreme penalty or be incarcerated for the rest of his life. This is a vicious crime, and nothing I see mitigates in his favor."

Mrs. Johnson's husband, Eric, commented that he was satisfied with the 199 year sentence.

During the trial, the state called several prominent persons as witnesses, including Julian Levi, executive director of the South East Chicago commission. Levi said he heard Sims make his confession and that Sims had disrobed at the time to show that he had not been the victim of police brutality.

After Sims arrest, police had said that Sims had admitted the rape-slaying of Mrs. Johnson, that he had raped three other women, and had attempted to rape a fourth, a political science professor at the U. of C. They said Sims had in his room a list of six university women who had been raped and a list of 15 others, construed as a "future book."

Rapist Given Two Life Terms

CHICAGO, Sept. 27 (AP)—A judge told a 21-year-old rapist today. "You are the kind of person who must be removed from society forever" and sentenced him to two life terms in prison. *But Sims should have been sentenced to 10 to 20 years for robbing the two mothers he raped in their homes. Washington D.C. Post*
The defendant, Louis Wright, Negro, showed no emotion as the judge pronounced sentence. *7-23-57*

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**RAPE SLAYING
TRIAL BEGINS
IN CROWN POINT**

The trial of George Robert Brown, 25, for the rape slaying of a Gary beauty operator, began yesterday in Lake county (Ind.) Criminal court in Crown Point before Judge William J. Murray.

A jury of 10 men and two women, qualified to inflict the death penalty, heard Floyd Vance, chief deputy prosecutor, opening the evidence in the slaying of Aug. 7, 1956, of Mildred Grigonis, 30, whose body was found buried April 30 near New Chicago, a Gary suburb.

Brown is represented by T. Cleavel Stenhouse, public defender. The only witness yesterday was George Grigonis, husband of the victim. He told of his efforts to find his wife and identified charred remains of her purse and its contents. The purse was found buried behind Brown's garage.

Rape Verdict Voided, Term Cut to 7 Years

Courier-Journal
Jan. 2-3-57 Louisville Ky.
Criminal Court Judge Frank A. Ropke yesterday set aside a jury verdict in a rape case and cut the defendant's prison sentence from 15 to seven years.

Ropke took this action in the case of John Preston Rosenbarger, 20-year-old father who 14-year-old girl November 25. A jury found him guilty January 23 and fixed his punishment at 15 years.

Rosenbarger, 422 Ohio, denied he raped and beat the girl. He testified he was out with another woman at the time.

Motion Sustained

Ropke sustained Rosenbarger's motion for a new trial and permitted him to plead guilty to a charge of detaining a female, amended from rape.

Ropke said he thought 15 years was "excessive punishment for this offense."

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Henry Sadlo objected to the judge's action. It is the policy of the Commonwealth's attorney's office not to request was found guilty of raping a

setting aside of jury verdicts, Sadlo said.

In a case in Judge L. R. Curtis' division of Criminal Court, three defendants pleaded guilty to uttering a forged check and received two-year sentences each.

They are William Lawrence Buntain, 22, of 1160 Dixie Highway; Clifford Leroy McLennan, 19, of 1626 S. First, and George Robert Calhoun, 23, of 1742-J Patton Court.

Sadlo said the trio forged two checks and cashed them November 2 at Schupp's Tavern, 1440 Dixie Highway.

Louisville.

White was arrested Monday after the child was grabbed by a motorist near her home in Lawrenceburg. He neither admitted nor denied his guilt when questioned.

Identified in the arraignment crowd at Lawrenceburg yesterday were Millard Dee Grubbs, Louisville, head of the Kentucky

White indicted; to be Tried for rape June 19

State Journal - Frankfort, Ky.
Jan. 3-23-57
Mahatma White, 23-year-old Kentucky State College senior charged with the rape of a Lawrenceburg first grader, is to be tried June 19 in Anderson Circuit Court.

A special session of the grand jury met at Lawrenceburg yesterday and indicted White. Circuit Judge Coleman Wright immediately set the trial date.

Anderson Circuit Court is currently in session but the grand jury had already been dismissed when White was brought to Lawrenceburg for examining trial.

White was also brought into Frankfort Police Court yesterday for preliminary hearing on two counts. He faces charges of armed robbery and attempted rape here. He was identified by Mrs. Ralph Robinson as the man who entered her home and took \$6 dollars at gunpoint.

The man grabbed Mrs. Robinson but ran when she broke loose.

Judge Herbert Liebman ordered him held to the grand jury and set a \$1,000 bond for the armed robbery charge and \$5,000 for attempted rape.

No Plea Made

State Journal
Frankfort, Ky.
The courtroom over the Frankfort police headquarters was only one-third full when the accused rapist was brought in yesterday. He declined to make a plea and Judge Liebman entered a technical plea of not guilty.

In Lawrenceburg a large but orderly crowd gathered for the arraignment. About 15 state and local police officers watched for signs of trouble but there were none.

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White told Judge Wright that he had an attorney but didn't name him. It was later learned that the student will be represented by Philip Ardery, of

Rapist Given Life Sentence

Courier-Journal
Jan. 6-29-57
In Anderson
Louisville Ky.
Accused of Attacking
6-Year-Old Girl

P. 1
Lawrenceburg Ky. June 28 (P) — Mahatma White, Negro accused of raping a 6-year-old white girl, was convicted tonight in Anderson Circuit Court and his punishment fixed at life imprisonment.

The all-male jury after 2½ hours of deliberations recommended the former Kentucky State College senior be denied pardon or parole.

Judge Coleman Wright, at White's request, pronounced sentence tonight and White was transferred to the State Reformatory near LaGrange.

A standing-room crowd heard the verdict. There was no demonstration.

White Did Not Testify

White, 23, pleaded innocent to raping the child near here last March 18, but did not testify in his own behalf.

The principal defense plea in

the final summary was insanity.

Commonwealth's Attorney James F. Thomas of New Castle asked the jury to return a death sentence. He said testimony showed the man was not insane.

Much of the testimony centered around medical statements concerning White's mental condition.

Anderson Jury All Men Chosen For Rape Trial

Courier-Journal
Jan. 6-29-57
Lawrenceburg Ky., June 27 (P) — An all-male jury of Anderson Countians was picked today for the trial of a Negro former college student indicted for rape of a 6-year-old white girl.

First testimony will be offered tomorrow in the trial of Mahatma White of Chicago. White pleaded innocent. One juror is a Negro.

The panel was allowed to return home tonight on agreement between prosecuting and defense attorneys.

The jury selection was delayed for a time because off of White's witnesses were not present. They arrived later.

White, former student at Kentucky State College at Frankfort, was arrested March 18, the day the child was raped.

Man Gets Life In Rape Trial In Pike County

Courier-Journal
Pikeville Ky.
Pikeville Ky. Nov. 15 (P) — A Pike County Circuit Court jury Friday convicted Carl Ferrell, 22, of rape and fixed his sentence at life in prison.

Commonwealth's Attorney J. A. Runyon had requested the life sentence without parole. The jury, however, recommended no such ban on parole.

Ferrell was the first of nine men and boys to be tried in the alleged rape of two teen-age sisters at Freeburn last August 18.

3 Given 4-Year Terms

For Rape In Cemetery

Courier-Journal P. 10
Lure 9-12-57 Louisville Ky.
Three youths accused of raping a 15-year-old girl in an abandoned cemetery last May 29 were sentenced to prison for four years each in Criminal Court yesterday.

They pleaded guilty to charges of detaining a woman, amended from rape, before Judge E. P. Sawyer.

The youths are Porter Ferrell, 18, of 818 S. 12th; Charles Edward Flannery, 15, rear of 608 E. Madison, and Earl Charles Chambers, 17, of 511 S. 16th.

Police said the offenses took place in the old Western Cemetery at 16th and Jefferson. The trio took the girl from her home ostensibly to go to a baseball game, but instead forced her into the cemetery, police said.

Man Given 5 Years

Edgar Howell, 28, of 1710 W. Walnut, received a five-year prison sentence from Sawyer when he pleaded guilty to a storehouse-breaking charge.

Howell was charged with breaking into the Beatty Store, 220 S. Fourth, on April 21 and stealing jewelry and appliances.

A similar charge against him for allegedly breaking into Peoples Credit Clothing Store, 231 S. Fourth, on April 27 was filed away.

In another case, Fred Cardwell, Jr., 38, of 1603 S. Fourth, received a three-year prison sentence when he pleaded guilty to a charge of forging a narcotics prescription last March.

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Execution Taken Hard By Community

A calm, grateful but almost abandoned young man walked to his death in the electric chair at Angola State Penitentiary shortly after midnight last Thursday after spending more than four years in two death houses.

23-year-old John Michel was led from his cell and walked "his last mile" while thanking all the persons everywhere who aided him in his long unsuccessful battle to escape his horrible fate, according to Warden Maurice Sigler.

Michel was executed for the alleged rape of a 15-year-old white girl on February 10, 1953 in downtown New Orleans. He was 19 years old at the time. Friends and neighbors aver the two were not exactly strangers to each other. They allege young Michel had worked for the girl's family.

Michel's attorneys, George Fust and Gerald Schrieber worked diligently to save the doomed youth's life. During that stormy four year period they appealed the death verdict to every court in the land but each time their pleas for clemency or for a new trial fell upon deaf ears.

Finally all legal steps were exhausted and the execution was carried out. Governor Earl K. Long signed the death warrant and according to all records which have been found to date young Michel was the first person to be executed at the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Until 1956, all executions were carried out by sheriffs in their own parishes, using a state portable electric chair. A 1956 law ordered all executions to take place at Angola.

So great was public sentiment in the Michel case that the girl's family is said to have moved out of New Orleans. It is said she was never called

to testify at his trial. After a period of time most of Michel's close relatives left the city also. His mother and father are said to be living in Chicago. Reports emerging from the death house said one brother and two sisters visited Michel during his last hours. These reports also said that Attorney Fust shed tears when all hopes for a reprieve finally faded away. These two attorneys were paid by the state for their legal efforts throughout the four-year struggle.

To the utter disappointment of thousands of persons in this city who awaited the arrival of the executed man's body here for burial, a private funeral was held for him in Baton Rouge. The DeSalle Mortuary in that city buried him.

Warden Sigler said Michel walked calmly to the chair and was strapped in it at 12:10 and was pronounced dead ten minutes later.

Michel became the forty-third Negro to be executed for allegedly raping white women in Louisiana while reports show that the last white man to die for rape in New Orleans was fifty years ago, back on August 9, 1907.

Labat and Poret Granted New Stay

Doomed Men Given New Hope by Justice Black!

NEW ORLEANS—U. S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black signed an order Saturday staying the executions of Clifton Alton Poret and Edgar Labat, convicted and sentenced to die for the rape of a white woman.

Defense Atty. G. Wray Gill told the Courier the executions were stayed pending disposition by the U. S. Supreme Court for petitions for writ of certiorari to be filed in 15 days.

The condemned men are seeking reviews of previous actions by the Supreme Court of Louisiana and the United States.

Twice last week the State Supreme Court denied them a rehearing and a stay of execution. The U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans likewise had refused to extend a 10-day stay granted Sept. 19.

Mrs. Elnora Henderson last week came to the defense of Labat, swearing she was sleeping with Labat the night the woman said she was raped.

New Evidence Uncovered Is 'Startling'

The first step in what is hoped to be a series of successes that will ultimately save Edgar Labat and Clifford Alton Poret from being executed was recorded last Thursday when the two men were granted a 10 day stay of execution by Judge John Minor Wisdom of the fifth U. S. Court of Appeals.

The stay of execution came as a direct result of the untiring efforts of the Universal Association of Ethiopian Women and the Royal United Mission-

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Late Monday afternoon, the WEEKLY was informed by G. Wray Gill, attorney on the Ed-

gar Labat-Clifford Poret case, that new legal work was being prepared for introduction to authorities as a further step in saving the two men from being executed. Gill said the new legal work-Writ of Error Coram Nobles-would be filed in the Supreme Court of Louisiana late Monday or early Tuesday. Gill said he and his associates are pressing action in trying to get the legal work completed in saving the men in the time the execution stay permits. The stay was for 10 days, which means the men will be subject to execution after Sept. 30, unless another stay is granted in order to give attorneys more time to prepare evidence in the case and new evidence uncovered by the groups and presented to authorities by attorneys.

Poret and Labat were scheduled to be dead last Friday for the alleged rape of a white woman in 1950. Acting Governor Luther Frazar had signed death warrants for the two men, setting their death date as Sept. 20.

The new evidence introduced by the two organizations that helped win the stay was a sworn statement by a woman disclosing that she was with Poret in a bar from 11:15 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. and later rejoined him at his home at 2 a.m. and stayed until 7 a.m., the night and morning the rape occurred. According to court records a white woman and her male escort were allegedly stopped after midnight in the vicinity of Thalia and Broad by two men. One man robbed the male and

the other, according to records, criminally assaulted the woman. *Lab. 9-28-57*

The statement by Labat's "girl friend" further states that Labat was in such an intoxicated condition that he was unable to move. After leaving Labat, the statement continued, she was soundly beaten by her husband upon entering her home.

The statement charges that about 10 a.m. the morning following the rape, police entered Labat's home and beat him with the leg from a table. Later, she, according to the statement, was picked up from her job and brought to the 12th Police Station where she charged the police with beating and torturing Labat. The statement shows that the woman told police officers that she was with Labat at the time of the rape, but the police would not take what she said as testimony. The woman said while dictating the statement to a lawyer, that she had not come forward earlier to say she was with Labat at the time of the alleged rape because she feared what her husband might do to her.

Earlier, a statement was obtained from Earl Howard, the only witness in the case, stating that he had been beaten by the police until he falsely identified the two men as having followed the couple that was attacked.

The stay of execution was granted by Judge Wisdom to permit his court to determine whether the men's appeals involved any substantial issue of due process under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and to permit the petitioners to further exhaust their remedies in the state

courts of Louisiana.

Previously, District Judge J. Skelly Wright had denied the petition, stating that the new issues sought in the case had never been called to the attention of a state court. He held that because the attorneys in the case had not exhausted their efforts in state courts, the federal court had no jurisdiction.

Supreme Court Justice Black Signs Order

PORET, LABAT WIN NEW STAY OF EXECUTION

Snatched once before from the beheading block, the electric chair in Angola with a last minute, 10 day stay of execution, Clifton Kilton Poret and Edgar Labat, convicted and sentenced to die for the alleged rape of a white woman, were given at least two more weeks of life when U.S. Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black signed a 15 day stay of execution for the two men, last Saturday.

The executions were stayed, according to defense Attorney G. Wray Gill, pending disposition for petitions of writs of certiorari by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The fate of the two men looked very dim as twice last week the State Supreme Court denied a rehearing of the case and would not give a stay of execution. A ten day stay granted on Sept. 19 was denied extension by the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, earlier. Then the stay was granted.

The second stay marks step number two in what is hoped to be a series of successes that will ultimately save the two men.

The long, hard fight to save Poret and Labat's lives is being spearheaded by Universal Association of Ethiopian Women, the Royal United Missionary Baptist Association and Mrs. Azalie Poret, mother of one of the condemned men.

The groups untiring around the clock efforts have been instrumental in securing affidavits from persons who said they were intimidated into withholding evidence attesting to the innocence of the two men.

The groups' efforts resulted in getting a strong affidavit from Mrs. Elnora Henderson stating that she spent the night that the rape occurred with Labat in his home. She further stated that Labat was in such an intoxicated condition he was unable to move.

Earlier, an affidavit was obtained from Earl Howard, the only witness in the case, saying he was beaten by police until he falsely identified Labat and Poret as the two men that followed the couple of which the woman was raped.

Mrs. Audley Moore, President of the Universal Association of Ethiopian Women, told the WEEKLY that her organization and the Royal United Missionary Baptist Association are continuing every effort to save the two men from being executed.

Mrs. Moore said that at a mass meeting held earlier in the week, members present laid plans for a series of fund raising activities to help defend the men.

Meanwhile, the two men saved from execution twice, await further developments in the fight that is being waged to save their lives. Both men once again said that they were innocent and that they had never known each other before being placed in jail. Both thanked all who have helped in the drive to save their lives.

Poret and Labat were convicted and sentence to die for the alleged rape of a white woman in 1950. Court records show that a white woman and her escort were stopped in the vicinity of Thalia and Broad after midnight Nov. 12, 1950.

One man robbed the male and the other, according to records, assaulted the woman.

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Father of Nine Gets Life Term For Girl Attack

A Clarksburg (Md.) father of nine yesterday was sentenced to life imprisonment for the rape of a 14-year-old girl last June 30.

The sentence to the Maryland Penitentiary was imposed on Horace Wesley Long, 47, by Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge John R. Reeves.

Long was convicted two weeks ago. Tuesday a motion for a new trial by his attorneys, J. Hodge Smith and Summer Shearin, was denied.

Long faced a possible death penalty in the case after the jury failed to recommend leniency. He stood quietly as the sentence was imposed.

Judge Reeves told the defendant that he was convinced the jury had returned a proper verdict.

Long, after his conviction, attempted to take his life in the Rockville Jail by cutting his arm with a small knife apparently smuggled into his cell in his shoe.

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WRIT MAY BE FILED FOR NEGRO FREEING

Commercial Appeal
New Evidence in Attack

Case Is Basis
LAUREL, Miss., Jan. 18. —

(UP) Attorney John Collins was reported Friday planning to file an appeal for a writ of coram nobis early next week in an effort to free Negro Theldor Lang, 32, of charges he criminally assaulted a young white housewife in 1954.

Lang was returned to Parchman State Prison where he is serving a life term for the attack. Lang, a former school teacher, was transferred from the Jones County Jail along with Leroy Moody, 26, convicted of a similar crime in 1956.

District Atty. Grover Doggett, Lang is innocent of the 1954 rape. Coleman new evidence made it appear that Moody had committed both offenses, said Friday. Lang's transfer did not harm his chances of winning his freedom.

Mr. Doggett explained that Lang could no longer be held in the county jail after his conviction and denial of appeal.

Lang's appeal to the state Supreme Court for the writ of coram nobis if granted will have the effect of winning him a new trial. The writ is used when an error is found in a trial proceeding which, if known during the trial, could have produced a different verdict.

Mr. Doggett said officers recently found a ring which belonged to Lang's alleged victim in the possession of Moody's wife. Moody's fingerprints also were discovered to match those found in the victim's home.

Appeal Delayed In Attack Case

LAUREL, April 21. — An appeal by Negro Theldor Lang for a new trial on his conviction of criminally attacking a white housewife today was postponed until the May term of Jones County Court.

The state requested the delay because the victim of the 1955 attack is expecting a child and is unable to testify. Lang is seeking a new trial on the ground that recently discovered evidence will clear him of the crime.

Laurel Man Believed Innocent Starts Life Sentence For Rape

LAUREL, Miss., Jan. 21. — (Special) — Believed innocent by the district attorney who prosecuted him, Theldor Lang, 32-year-old Laurel Negro, Thursday was transferred from the Jones county jail here to the State Penitentiary at Parchman to begin a life term sentence for the 1954 rape of a young mother of a one-year-old baby girl.

And alongside Lang in the steel-barred prison van as it began the 200 mile trip to the state prison was Leroy Moody, 26-year-old Laurel Negro confessed rapist in a 1956 crime here in which a 30-year-old widowed mother of a four year old daughter was the victim.

District Attorney Grover Doggett last week notified governor J. P. Coleman that he believes Lang is innocent of the 1954 rape. Here Monday to attend a statewide convention of Mississippi sheriffs, Governor Coleman said he would take no further action in the Lang case and that if there is further action it must come in the courts.

Moody confessed the 1956 rape and at the request of the victim was allowed to plead guilty and accept a life sentence. Soon thereafter, police discovered that fingerprints lifted from a windowsill of the home where the crime for which Lang was convicted occurred are those of Moody. A ring of the 1954 rape victim, stolen along with a billfold on the night of the rape, was also found in the possession of Moody's wife.

These developments opened new investigations and Moody was returned here for questioning. He steadfastly denied the 1954 crime, but readily admits the 1956 rape. The 1954 victim also continues to identify Lang as her rapist. She maintains that the rapist warned her that he had a "buddy" with him in the house and that she and her child would be killed if she made outcry.

Lang's arrest came a year after the 1954 rape. He was tried and convicted in 1955. During the trial, Lang steadily mentioned his innocence. The State Supreme Court upheld the conviction and the United State Supreme Court refused to review the case.

Pending the outcome of the appeals Lang was held here and had not new developments been brought out would have been transferred to the state prison two months ago. During the new investigation, Lang and Moody were held in the same cell at the Laurel jail. They got along well together, Jailer Homer Fleming said.

INNOCENCE INDICATED; NEW TRIAL FOR NEGRO

Commercial Appeal
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Evidence Discovered In Another Case Is Basis

Memphis Tenn.
SUPREME COURT ACTION

P. 17
By KENNETH TOLER

From The Commercial Appeal
Jackson, Miss., Bureau

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 25. — A Laurel Negro, said by Jones County officers to be innocent of a statutory offense for which he is serving a life sentence, Monday won a trial from the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Basis of the new trial is evidence discovered in another and later statutory crime also involving a Laurel white woman for which another Negro is serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary.

With only the dissent of Justice James G. Holmes, the court granted Theldor Lang's request that the Jones County Circuit Court entertain a motion for a new trial. Justice Robert Gillespie wrote the majority opinion which is tantamount to granting the new trial.

Powers Invoked

Justice Gillespie said it reopened the case by invoking its "inherent powers" and not on the basis of Lang's writ of error coram nobis (newly discovered evidence) which he said did not apply in the case.

"Such grave doubt arises as to Lang's guilt that no enlightened court dedicated to the plainest principles of justice should deny a judicial inquiry to determine whether the judgment

should be vacated and a new trial granted," Justice Gillespie said. "If there is no parallel case or no clear precedent for entertainment of this petition, such should not deter us from the performance of our duty."

Justice Holmes said the "exigencies of the case have influenced the majority to disregard jurisdictional limitations and to open an avenue which may lead to the serious impairment of the finality of solemn judgments."

"Under the decision the finality of the judgment of the trial court may at any time be disturbed upon the ground of newly discovered evidence," he said. "Final judgments will have lost their sanctity and it will be difficult to predict when the end of a lawsuit is in sight."

Not Without Recourse

Justice Holmes said Lang is not without recourse since "the benevolences of the pardoning power is available to him if the facts of the case warrant its exercise."

Gov. J. P. Coleman declined to enter the case after Circuit Judge Lunsford Casey refused to recommend executive clemency. The Governor said the petition route to the State Supreme Court was open to Lang.

However, Dist. Pros. Atty. Grover Doggett recommended executive clemency.

Lang's motion for permission to file for a new trial, necessary since the evidence was discovered after his case had been disposed of, points out that fingerprints at the scene of the crime for which he was convicted were those of the second Negro, Leroy Moody. Lang also disclosed that a wedding ring and coat stolen at the time of the first crime were found in Moody's possession.

Lang was sentenced for the August, 1954, attack on a white woman in her home. Moody was convicted in a June, 1956, case which paralleled the other one. It was in Moody's trial that the evidence exonerating Lang was discovered.

Arrested Year Later

Lang, a former school teacher, was not arrested for the 1954 crime until a year later when the woman identified him from "sweet smelling perfume" when she passed him on a Laurel street. She said it was similar to that used by her attacker.

Decisions handed down Monday

By Justice Robert Gillespie — Theldor Lang vs state, petition to leave to file a motion for new trial in the trial court is granted.

Mrs. Bernice Jenkins vs Bill Bates, Lee Chancery, affirmed.

Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp. and American Mutual Liability Insurance Co. vs A. F. King, joint motion to release surety on supersedeas bond sustained.

By Justice James G. Holmes — Rankin County vs Mildred Wallace, a minor by next friend, Grady Wallace, Rankin Circuit, affirmed.

Mattie L. Leavenworth vs Edward C. Lloyd, Jackson Chancery, suggestion of error overruled.

By Justice John Kyle — B. C. Bryson, administrator estate of Lucille Allen Stewart Bryson, vs Robert A. Stewart, Prentiss Chancery, affirmed.

By Justice Lee Hall — Mrs. Hilda King vs Westinghouse Electric Corp., et al., Warren Circuit, motion for allowance of attorney's fees sustained.

The Home Insurance Co. vs Turner Watts et al, Pearl River Circuit, motion to relax costs overruled.

By Chief Justice Harvey McGehee — Mrs. Fannie Rankin Freeman, sole dependent of William Pat Freeman, vs Mississippi Power and Light Co., Warren Circuit, affirmed.

George W. Fannell and Fay N. Fannell vs Norman A. Graham and Jack B. Graham etc., Jackson Circuit, affirmed on both direct and cross-appeals.

White Man Draws Term Of 20 Years

MAGNOLIA, Miss., April 5. — The admitted ringleader of four white men accused of abusing a 16-year-old girl was sentenced today to 20 years at hard labor and was told by the judge his actions "had brought bitter condemnation on the State of Mississippi."

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More Criticism.

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Brady disclosed the Negro girl, her mother and her uncle were consulted before the charge against Dillon was reduced. The judge said the three Negroes told him they did not want Dillon to suffer the death penalty and agreed 20 years was an "appropriate" punishment.

Rape is punishable by death in Mississippi.

One of the other defendants, Ollie Dillon, 45, was the only one of the four charged with kidnapping.

The rape trial of Duroa Duncan

ended last night in a hung jury and a mistrial declaration, but Dist. Atty. Mike Carr said he will try him again in October. Duncan's cousin, Olen Duncan, was acquitted of rape charges last week.

Given 20 years

By American
MAGNOLIA, Miss. — A blond rapist Friday drew a 20-year term and a stern lecture from Circuit Judge Tom Brady, an official of the White Citizens Council, for his brutal attack on a 16-year-old colored girl. Ernest Dillon, 30, was one of four men who assaulted the girl. His brother, Ollie, was sent to a mental hospital for observation and a jury could not reach a verdict in the cases of the other two, Duroa and Olen Duncan.

HEARING FOR NEGRO SET

Commercial Appeal
New Trial Is Sought In As-sault Case
LAUREL, Miss., May 20. — (UP) — Circuit Judge Lunsford Casey Monday set a hearing June 3 on a motion for a new trial for Theldor Lang, Laurel Negro under life sentence for the rape of a white woman.

An earlier hearing set in the case was postponed when the victim of the 1954 attack was unable to testify.

Since Lang's conviction, Dist. Atty. Grover Doggett said new evidence pointed to Lang's innocence. The State Supreme Court granted him permission to ask for a new trial.

The new evidence was in the form of fingerprints found at the scene of the crime which matched those of another Negro later convicted of a similar attack on a woman. Lang was brought to trial when the victim claimed she recognized him on a Laurel street a year after the crime.

Mississippian Gets 20 Years In Rape Case

Montgomery Ad.
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Miss White Cleared of Raping Negro Girl

MAGNOLIA, Miss. (SNS)—A trial in Circuit Court here, presided over by Judge Tom Brady, author of "Black Monday," a book which strongly criticized the U.S. Supreme Court's public school desegregation ruling, a jury, after two hours and three minutes of deliberation, found Glen Duncan, 22-year-old white man, innocent of charges of raping a Negro girl.

Gets Twenty Years For Attacking Girl

MAGNOLIA, Miss. — Ernest Dillon, 30, ringleader of four white men who were accused of kidnaping and raping a 16-year-old Negro girl has been sentenced to 20 years at hard labor on the reduced charge of "assault with intent to rape." Rape rates the death penalty in this state.

WRIT WILL BE ASKED FOR ALABAMA YOUTH

Commercial Appeal
Mon. 7-8-57
Sentenced In Criminal Attack On 42-Year-Old Woman
Memphis Tenn.
LAWYER FILES PETITION

Special to The Commercial Appeal
GREENWOOD, Miss., July 7.—A writ of habeas corpus for a 15-year-old Mobile, Ala., boy serving a life sentence for criminally assaulting a 42-year-old woman will be requested here Tuesday morning.

Circuit Court Judge Arthur Jordan will hear a petition alleging that George "Joe Boy" Bullock Jr., is being detained at Parchman State Penitentiary without authority. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m.

Followed Guilty Plea
Vincent F. Kilborn, Mobile attorney and a former state senator, filed the petition asking for the writ.

The Mobile high school sophomore was given a life sentence Feb. 23, 1956, at Lucedale, Miss., after he pleaded guilty to criminally assaulting a Lucedale woman eight days earlier.

Young Bullock said he was passing through Lucedale on his way to visit an aunt in Louisiana at the time.

Mr. Kilborn recently took over the case. A court-appointed lawyer represented the boy at the trial.

Mr. Kilborn gave several reasons why he thinks the boy should have a new trial.

He contends:
1. Young Bullock entered the guilty plea under duress, fear, promise, threat and coercion.

Says Jury Required

2. Judge Leslie B. Grant had no right to impose sentence. A jury is required to impose punishment in capital crimes.

3. The court failed to admonish the petitioner as to the consequences of his guilty plea.

4. The grand jury indictment of the boy is illegal because it charges two crimes in one court—assault and battery, and rape.

5. The judge sentenced the boy without first adjudging him guilty.

White Attorney Gets Suspended Term On Assault

JACKSON, Miss. (INS)—An NAACP official today branded the suspension of a prison term against a white attorney convicted of assaulting a Negro girl as "one of the most glaring spectacles of justice in Mississippi courts to be found."

NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers said the suspension of a five year sentence given Bernard Gautier, 24, prominent Pascagoula, Miss., attorney who was convicted of statutory rape last Wednesday "was another example of one-sided law enforcement based on biased court decisions" involving Negroes.

During Gautier's trial, his 17-year old victim testified that the attorney attacked her in a wooded area last April 23 while he was driving her home after baby-sitting for Gautier's children.

The girl maintained that she agreed to Gautier's advances because she was "afraid not to obey him."

White Atty. Rapes Baby-Sitter, 17

PASCAGOULA, Miss.—"Don't do it again for at least five years." This in effect, was the penalty imposed by a Jackson County court upon Bernard Gautier, 24-year-old white attorney, after convicting him last week of raping a 17-year-old Negro baby-sitter. Actually, Gautier was found guilty of statutory rape, sentenced to a five-year suspended prison term and placed on five years' probation. Judge Leslie Grant presided over the trial.

Gautier had been indicted by a grand jury last month for criminally assaulting the girl he was driving home from a babysitting job in his residence on April 23.

DURING THE TRIAL, the girl testified that the attorney drove her to a wooded area instead of taking her home. She said she was afraid to disobey when he ordered her to disrobe and was intimate with her.

Gautier did not take the stand in his own defense.

The 12-man jury deliberated less than two hours before returning the guilty verdict and announcing the sentence. Judge Grant accepted the verdict.

Duplin Negro Gets 10-15 Years For Assaulting White Woman

WENANSVILLE, Aug. 27—James McArthur Jr., 21-year-old Negro, was given 10-15 years in State Prison today after entering a plea of guilty to charges of assault with intent to commit rape on Mrs. Emma Brinson, 62-year-old white woman of near Wenansville.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow also sentenced McArthur to 10 years for breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony. The sentences are to run consecutively.

A special venire of 75 had been called, but was dismissed since the case didn't reach a jury.

McArthur reportedly went to the woman's home June 3 and asked for a "setting" of eggs. He was said to have followed Mrs. Brinson into her kitchen where he made advances and struck at her with a knife.

They tussled, and fell into the back yard, it was reported, where he succeeded in taking the knife away from him. The attack occurred around 8 p.m.

Mrs. Brinson, who said she hid under her doorstep after the defendant went for a glass of water, later hailed a passing car, and was taken to the hospital.

Defense lawyers said McArthur, found sleeping in the back seat of a car, was drunk at the time.

Negro executed in North Carolina on rape charge

DALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 22—(AP) James McAfee, 39-year-old Negro, was executed in the state's chamber today for first-degree burglary in the attempted rape of a pretty high school student.

McAfee, itinerant farm worker from Mississippi, was calm as he was led into the tiny tripartite execution chamber and strapped in one of two heavy execution chairs.

OFFICERS HAVE said that McAfee admitted after his arrest that he killed a 16-year-old

white woman at Fairburn, Ga., in October, 1956.

McAfee was convicted last March. Mrs. Glenn Waugh, 17, white, testified that McAfee climbed through the window of the bedroom in her two-room cottage while her husband was at work on the night of Jan. 31. She said he slashed her throat after attempting several times to rape her. Forty stitches were required to close her throat wounds.

Man Is Bound Over On Charge of Rape Burlington

A young magazine salesman from Texas has been bound over to Wake Superior Court on the charge of raping a 16-year-old Wake Forest High School girl late Thursday.

Wake Forest Chief of Police Floyd Whitman said that George Slayton was arrested in South Hill, Va. Friday night, ending a two-day search.

Slayton was given a hearing before Judge Donald Gulley in Wake Forest Saturday morning and was bound over to Superior Court without privilege of bond.

According to Whitman, Slayton admitted taking the girl to the place where the attack allegedly occurred. He denied raping her, however.

Lois Keith told officers that Slayton picked her up at Wake Forest High School and promised to take her home. Instead, he took her to an isolated spot on Loop Road and raped her, she said.

Dr. C. T. Wilkerson, who examined the girl Thursday night, reported that she had had an intercourse.

Chief Whitman said that Slayton gave his home address as Temple, Texas. He was working with a group of magazine salesmen out of Rocky Mount at the time of his arrest.

Whitman said that the tip on Slayton's whereabouts came from a rival group of salesmen, who were disturbed at the bad publicity magazine salesmen were getting.

Man Gets Life Term For Raping Child

GRAHAM, Oct. 16 — A 27-year-old Burlington industrial worker with a dual reputation as both "an active church worker and molester of children," today received a life prison sentence for raping a 10-year-old Burlington girl.

Jack Treptor, partially balding and slight of stature, took the sentencing in Alamance Superior Court calmly this afternoon after entering a plea of guilty.

Judge Clawson L. Williams passed sentence after Solicitor W. H. Murdock brought out that Treptor had had relations with the girl "five or six times" dating from May, 1955.

Treptor was arrested June 17, after the child and her sister, Mrs. L. F. Ayers told Sheriff Joe W. Cole of the incidents and of the child's physical injury resulting from the relations.

The incidents occurred in all but one instance after Treptor had taken the child to church. Evidence revealed that the mother had been told by the child of the relations, but "she

just laughed and told me not to worry because I did, Daddy would go down there and kill Jack and mama would put me in the training school." This statement was made by the girl at the preliminary hearing on July 17.

Neither the child, the mother nor Treptor took the stand today.

Treptor, it was brought out, in testimony by officers had taken a beach trip with the mother and daughter and all had occupied the same bed where Treptor had relations with the mother.

It also was revealed that the mother "would do all she could to help Treptor."

She told that the children (her daughters) were trying to frame Treptor, according to testimony

presented by Deputy Wade Montgomery.

In a letter from Treptor to the child which was read in court, Treptor "asked forgiveness for hurting the girl and that he "loved her still" and would always love her.

He wrote, "Don't forget that you are a Christian and go to Sunday School."

Judge Williams, in passing sentence, said, "This is about as sorry an exposition of degeneracy and depravity as I've seen in court in 50 years."

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Negro's Rape Term Changed By High Court

William Jackson Jr. was charged with raping a white girl. The girl was hitchhiking on her way to visit relatives in the south. She was stranded about 4 or 5 a. m. on the road to the north of Altus. Jackson and two other Negro soldiers, returning from Oklahoma City, saw her flagging them down. She rode into Altus with these soldiers. On arrival in Altus, the record reveals she asked to be taken to a Negro hotel. This was done and a room procured for her.



The state charges the defendant had sexual relations with her. He denies that he had such relations with her. He admits he was in bed with her, but related that she kept her clothes on.

Jackson changed his plea to guilty after a conference with two officers from the legal staff of the Altus Air Force Base. He had previously stated in open court that he had money to employ counsel. Lt. Eckert and Lt. Walter were the officers who took him to the county attorney's office for this conference. The defendant testified that Lt. Eckert told him to take a five-year sentence, which, it was indicated, the county attorney would recommend. The de-

fendant said Lt. Eckert told him, "We want to keep this thing as quiet as we can."

The defendant testified he did not enter a plea of guilty. He said he told the court when he was brought back into the courtroom, "I'm not guilty, I don't care what you do."

The criminal court of appeals, Wednesday, reversed the 5-year prison sentence given the 22-year-old Jackson. The court held that the defendant did not have advice of counsel when he changed his plea from innocent to guilty.

"It clearly appears in the record that the trial court advised the defendant of his right to additional time, right to trial by jury, and the right to aid of counsel. Yet, it further appears that the defendant stated he had money to employ counsel and that he first entered a plea of not guilty. The weakness of the record from the standpoint of the state is it does not show any inquiry on the part of the trial court as to why the defendant's plea was changed in determining the basis for the new plea and as to whether it was voluntary on his part and unequivocal. The fact is evident that at no time on the District Court arraignment was the defendant represented by counsel of his own choice or given ample opportunity to procure such representation."

"The fact that the defendant had the counsel of the Air Force officers by no means fulfills the constitutional right to counsel of his own choice. The trial court should have explored to the fullest the defendant's capabilities as to whether he was able and desired to hire counsel of his own choice. Furthermore, he should have explored to the fullest the reasons for the accused's sudden change of plea. Likewise, the possibility of defendant's relatives employing counsel for trial should have been explored. . . . These were all matters that should not have been lightly regarded. A thorough inquiry by the trial court on these points might have lifted this case from the realm of speculation. It might have disclosed the necessity for a continuance, and, on the other hand an unequivocal waiver of the aid of counsel as well as an unequivocal, free, and voluntary plea of guilty."

The appeals court said it could

not reasonably conclude that the waiver of counsel was clearly free and responsible, nor that the plea of guilty was freely and voluntarily made.

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5 NEGROES CONVICTED IN ASSAULT ON GIRL

Courtesy
Sixth Pleads Guilty In
Philadelphia Case

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9. —
(AP)—A jury Friday night con-
victed five Negro youths on
charges of criminally assaulting
and beating a teenage white girl
in a South Philadelphia school-
yard. *Memphis*
A sixth defendant pleaded
guilty. *Sam*

Judge Louis E. Leventhal im-
mediately sentenced all six to
prison in Eastern State Peniten-
tiary ranging up to 15 years.

The girl, Katherine Heckart,
who was 17 at the time of the
attack, testified her attackers
dragged her into a deserted
schoolyard the night of Sept. 16.
There, she said, they beat her
and held her down while she was
assaulted. A 16-year-old white
boy heard her screams and
came to her aid. Three of the
attackers fought with him, en-
abling the girl to get away.

The jury of nine women and
three men deliberated three
hours in reaching the verdict.

The charges against the six in-
cluded rape, aggravated assault
and battery, and assault with
intent to ravish. Those convicted
and their sentences are: Leroy
Kelly, 22, and Ivy Lee Crosland,
23, 7½ to 15 years; Joseph Cros-
land, 20, and his brother, Rob-
ert, 19, cousins of Ivy Lee Cros-
land, and Donald Johnson, 17,
6½ to 15 years.

Roddy Miller, 17, pleaded
guilty at the outset of the trial,
changed his plea to innocent on
one charge during the case, and
then pleaded guilty again Fri-
day. He was sentenced to 5 to
15 years.

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INDICTED FOR ASSAULT

Commercial Appeal
Negro Also Faces Burglary.

Larceny charges

Indictments charging rape,

burglary, larceny from the per-

son and pistol carrying were re-

turned yesterday against Willie

B. Harris, Negro, by the Shelby

County Grand Jury.

Police charge Bennett, 30, of

761 Saxon took \$15 from the

cash register of the Jordan

Sundry Store at 111 Mississippi

last week. He then struck a

Negro employee, Joannie Wil-

liams, with his pistol and forced

her to accompany him to his

house, where he criminally as-

saulted her.

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Brothers Granted Stay Of Execution

ATLANTA, April 30 (AP) — George and Michael Krull, McKees Rock, Pa., brothers under sentence to die May 9 for the kidnap-rape of a Chattanooga, Tenn., woman, today were granted a 70-day stay of execution pending an appeal for executive clemency.

The brothers were convicted after the kidnap-rape of the 39-year-old business woman on April 4, 1955. She testified they entered her automobile on a downtown Chattanooga street and forced her to drive to Chickamauga National Park where she was attacked.

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WAC-Rapist Dies in Prison, Leaves \$25,000 Disability Pay

Atlanta, Ga. 4-19-57
SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 18 (AP)—A man convicted of raping a Women's Army Corps technician amassed \$25,080 in government disability payments while serving time in the Texas prison, his attorney said today.

The man, Edward S. Wells, 35, died yesterday at the prison. Wells, a Negro, was convicted of raping the white WAC Feb. 23, 1946, and was sentenced to 35 years.

Testimony showed the woman broke her back in a traffic wreck here. Wells offered to drive her to a hospital. Instead he drove her a short distance from the wreck scene, threw her out of the car and attacked her. The WAC was alone in her car at the time of the one-car accident. Attorney Theo Henley said relatives believe Wells left an estate of more than \$30,000.

The attorney said Wells, a disabled World War II veteran, received \$25,080 in disability payments after he entered prison. He suffered shell fragment wounds. He also had a \$10,000 government life insurance policy.

Henley said most of the pension money probably remains intact because prisoners in Texas are allowed to spend only \$5 a week.

The prisoner's death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Negro, Given Life After Confessing Assault Attempt

San Antonio, Tex. 4-14-57
DALLAS, Tex., (AP)—Thomas Bell, 17, a Negro, was sentenced to 50 years in prison Friday night after pleading guilty to a charge of raping a white Denison High School girl April 7.

The all-white jury of seven men and five women deliberated eight hours. The state had asked the death penalty.

Virginia Judge Asked To Halt Electrocution Of Gadsden Man

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Advertisement P. 10-a
 RICHMOND, Va., July 4 (AP)—A Richmond judge has been asked to grant a writ of Habeas Corpus for Frank J. Snider Jr., due to die in the electric chair next Thursday for the May 1956 rape of a 10-year-old Roanoke girl.

If granted, the petition undoubtedly would delay Snider's execution. Snider's attorneys based their appeal on a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the Caryl Chessman case.

The petition was filed yesterday in Richmond's Hustings Court Part II, by Harvey Lukens, one of Snider's attorneys. Judge M. Ray Doubles said today he probably would rule on the petition tomorrow.

Snider, a husky Gadsden, Ala., construction worker, was sentenced to death June 27, 1956.

LEGAL MANEUVERS

A series of legal maneuvers, including an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, have stayed his execution.

In Roanoke, Snider's attorney, T. Warren Messick, said he was basing his petition for the writ on the Chessman case on which the Supreme Court ruled June 10. In a 5-3 decision, the high court held that California must not execute the convicted sex terrorist, who turned author in prison, before another review of the case.

Messick contends the Snider case is similar. He said a three-member sanity commission named before Snider's trial never submitted a written report. Messick said a man should not be executed when his sanity is in doubt.

Lutens said if the writ is granted, a hearing probably would not be held until September.

SNIDER REPRIEVED TWICE

Gov. Stanley has granted Snider reprieves twice.

The Roanoke girl was raped and returned to the vicinity of her home on Mother's Day, 1956. Snider eluded police in a high speed chase. Police located him at the home of a girl friend but he fled through a back door.

Snider was arrested finally at his father's home in Gadsden. His attempt to evade extradition to Virginia was unsuccessful.

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ALABAMA

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Negro Admits He Attacked Woman

Post-Herald
June 2-12-37
CENTRE, Feb. 11 (AP) — Willie Clayton Wright, 24-year-old Cherokee County Negro, changed his plea to admit guilt today at the start of his trial for criminally assaulting a white woman here Dec. 9.
Wright was brought to Centre from Gadsden, where he had been held for safekeeping, under State Highway Patrol escort. A jury will fix sentence.

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Bleckley Woman Saves Negro From Night Riders

COCHRAN, March 13 (AP)—Additional arrests are expected soon in a case in which several white men attempted to burn an elderly Bleckley County white woman's home where a Negro man had gone to protect her.

The woman drew an ax on the intruders and kept them from forcing the Negro man into a car and driving away with him, officers said.

Bleckley Sheriff Gus Giddens said one white man has been arrested on a charge of attempted arson and freed under \$1,000 bond.

The sheriff withheld the man's name and address, pending further arrests. He said names of those involved will be made known when other arrests are made.

The white woman whose home the men attempted to burn is in her sixties. The Negro is 72.

Sheriff Giddens identified the white woman as Mrs. Mae Stokes and the Negro man as Joe Rawls.

Two cars of nightriders were involved, Sheriff Giddens said, and a jar of gasoline was tossed from one onto the porch of the house and an ignited torchlike object from another. The lighted object did not reach the gas to ignite, the sheriff said.

Sheriff Giddens quoted Mrs. Stokes as saying she saw three white men standing in her front yard and two of them grabbed Rawls by the arms and tried to force him into one of the cars and drive away with him. She drove them away with an ax.

White Woman Holds Off Mob With Axe. Saves Aged Negro

COCHRAN, Ga.—An enraged and defiant white woman held off an infuriated mob that tried unsuccessfully to burn her house and kidnap an aged Negro farmhand who is a lifelong resident of her farm.

It was reported that at least one white man has been arrested and released on bond in connection with the arson try. The sheriff withheld the man's name, but revealed that several other arrests were expected to be made.

The tension mounted after angry whites discovered farmhand Joe Rawls, 72, in the home of Mrs. Mae Stokes, 62. Rawls, who lives only a few hundred yards from the farmhouse, has lived on the Stokes farm all his life.

MRS. STOKES explained that Rawls grew up with her brother and had "always cut stove wood and done other work around the farm and house". Her brother, who lives with Mrs. Stokes, has been confined to a hospital for several months with a heart ailment.

She also said Rawls suffers with an ulcerated stomach and had to have special foods prepared by the family.

The incident flared up when two carloads of night riders forced their way into Mrs. Stokes' home and tossed a jar of gasoline and a torch-like object made of cotton material. The torch fell short of the gasoline and failed to ignite it.

WHEN TWO MEN grabbed Rawls and attempted to force him into the car, he broke away from them and ran, according to reports.

Mrs. Stokes is said to have held off the crowd and forestalled the kidnap attempt when she picked up an axe and held the night riders at bay.

It could not be confirmed whether or not the Ku Klux Klan provoked the incident, but the sheriff's office revealed that this was under investigation. However, it was reported that none of the men wore robes, masks or other Klan regalia.

**SHERIFF MOVES PAIR
HELD IN SEX ATTACK**

Commercial Appeal
Tri. BLT-57
Tension Rises At Columbia
After Negroes Seized

COLUMBIA, Miss., Feb. 28.—
(UP)—Walthall County authorities, wary of mounting "tensions," Thursday transferred two Negroes charged with attempting to criminally assault a white teenager to an undisclosed jail to await the outcome of lie detector tests.

J. C. McGowan, 21, and T. B. Bullock, 32, jointly accused of invading the home of a white farmer Saturday night, denied their guilt after their arrests earlier this week.

The farmer told officers he was awakened by his 14-year-old daughter's screams. She said she found a nude Negro in her bed but routed him with her screams for help.

Dist. Atty. Vernon Broome said he filed charges after the Negroes were given lie detector tests to check their conflicting stories of the incident. He promised to reveal the outcome of the tests later.

McGowan told police Bullock slipped into the house while he waited outside. Bullock claimed he was "in church" at the time of the incident.

Sheriff W. W. Sharp reported his office had been bothered by a number of anonymous telephone calls since the arrest of the Negroes and the men were moved to avoid possible trouble.

Negro man held for assaulting girl

A 25-year-old Negro man charged with raping a 4-year-old Negro girl was being held in City Jail today, police said. Joseph Slaughter, 2222 Eighth-av. s, was found molesting the child when her mother discovered them and called police. Det. C. B. Golden said.

The child was treated by a doctor. She was found not to be seriously hurt, police said.

Slaughter was arrested by Det. Golden and Patrolmen P. D. Jarvis and H. E. Carroll.

Golden said Slaughter would be transferred today to County Jail to await hearing.

Negro hides in car of Mobile AF clerk, attacks her twice

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 24 (AP)—A 34-year-old white woman reported to officers she was raped twice last night by a Negro who threatened to kill her.

Officers today found her abandoned red convertible at the end of a dirt road four miles north of Theodore and about 12 miles south of Mobile. It was checked for fingerprints.

All young Negro men in that area were being rounded up for questioning at the county jail. About 50 officers were in the manhunt.

Bloodhounds were taken to the area where the car was found but were unable to pick up a trail.

The brunette divorcee, a clerk at Brookley Air Force Base here, gave this account:

SHE RETURNED to her car after eating a sandwich in a restaurant at busy Five Points in Mobile. After she drove about four blocks the Negro, about 20, rose from the back seat. He demanded she drive him to Theodore, 14 miles west of Mobile, to see his "sick mother."

He made her drive onto a lonely dirt road about two miles west of Theodore and there raped her twice.

HE THEN DROVE back toward U. S. 90 but started to turn around, saying "I don't know what I'm going to do with you. I think I'll kill you."

The woman said she "jumped out of the car and ran, and he headed for Mississippi." She

said she had taken off her high heel shoes before leaping. She flagged down a truck driver who took her to Theodore.

Negro Hunted On Rape Count Near Mobile

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 24 (AP)—Officers today rounded up several persons for questioning but reported no apparent success in their search for a Negro who allegedly raped a white woman.

The hunt was concentrated near Theodore after the 34-year-old divorcee's red convertible was found at the end of a dirt road four miles north of Theodore and about 12 miles south of Mobile.

The woman, weighing less than 100 pounds, reported to officers that a Negro, about 20, raped her twice within 1½ hours last night after forcing her to drive him from Mobile to a lonely road two miles west of Theodore.

She said she jumped from the moving car afterwards when he said "I don't know what I'm going to do with you. I think I'll kill you." She flagged a truck driver.

The woman said he had hid in her car while she was in a restaurant. She said she didn't see any weapon but that he acted as if he had one concealed.

Gov. James E. Folsom today offered a \$500 reward for information leading to the capture of the woman's attacker.

About 50 officers were in the manhunt.

Extradition Faced By Rape Suspect

LANSING, Mich., June 10 (AP)—Gov. G. Mennen Williams today authorized extradition to Alabama of a Negro man suspected of

the alleged rape of a 4-year-old girl last March. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail at Detroit.

Detroit Attorney J. Connor Austin, who represents Jones here, had objected earlier to extradition papers filed by the State of Alabama. He said they were technically defective.

Attack Attempt Reported Failed

MONTGOMERY, Jan. 30 (AP)—

The State Highway Patrol said a Negro armed with a gun reportedly tried to attack a white woman near Samson today, but the woman escaped.

The patrol said there were reports that the Negro was an escaped convict but that no escape had been reported today. The Negro was clad in white clothing resembling convict garb, it was said.

The report said the Negro grabbed the woman in a building on her farm but that she broke away and ran to a neighbor's house while the Negro disappeared into a nearby woods.

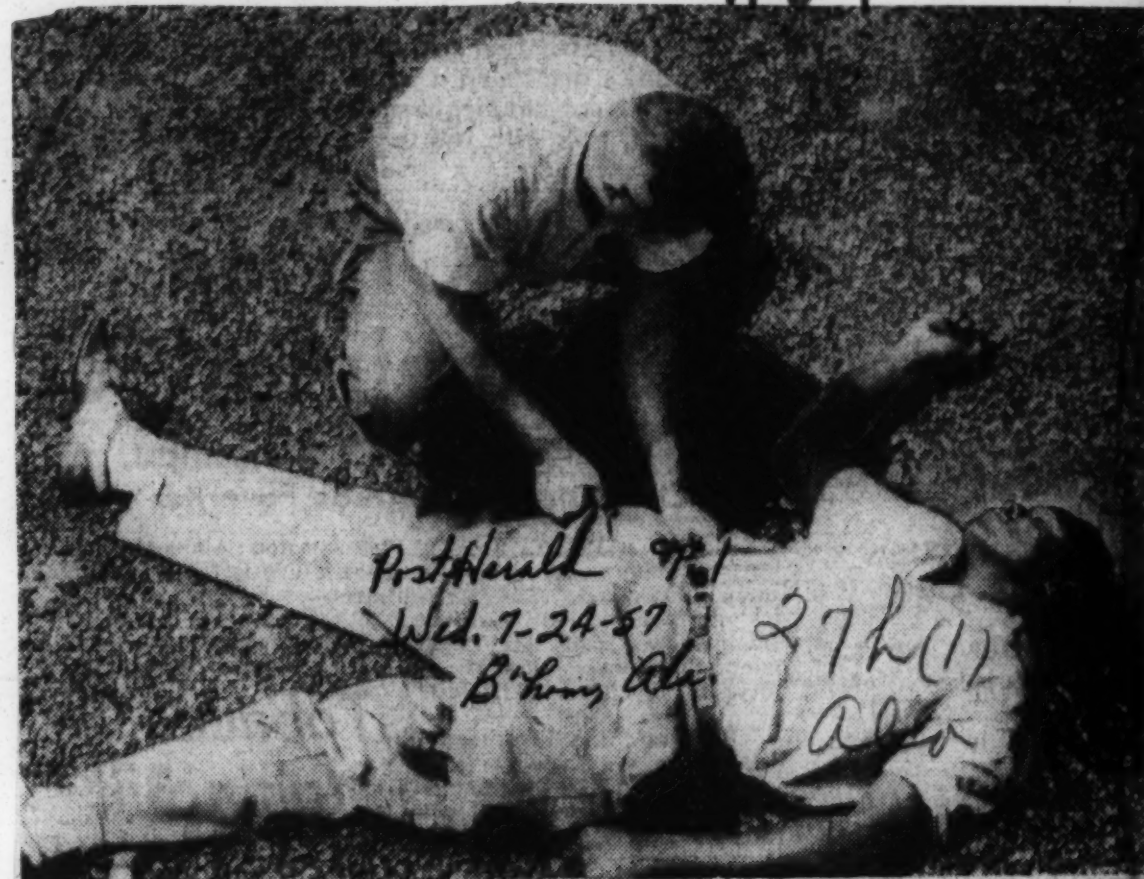
Man Returned From Detroit To Face Charges Here

Twenty-year-old Jerry Pruitt Jones, of 817 Grasselli Boulevard, was returned from Detroit, Michigan, to Birmingham, Thursday, June 27, to be tried on rape charges in connection with the alleged criminal attack on a 15-year-old East Lake white girl.

Detectives Robert Angelo MacMurdo and Cecil Birl Golden, who brought back the suspect, said Jones had fled to Detroit shortly after a teenage white girl claimed that she was raped in her brother's East Lake apartment, March 13, 1957.

Police said Jones is suspected of entering the East Lake home and allegedly holding a knife at the girl's throat until she reportedly submitted to him.

Jones was scheduled for transfer to County Jail, last week-end, to await his trial sometime in October or November. He has already been indicted by the Grand Jury, police said.



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Blonde girl admits attack story false

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP)

A 15-year-old white girl told police last Thursday that a story she told them earlier about being raped by three colored youths was out of class.

The Glenn School pupil said before that the man as she was sitting at a table, he scratched her with a razor blade.

HELD IN UNDISCLOSED JAIL

Housewife Attacked In Lee; Negro Suspect Shot In Hand

LOACHAPOKA, Ala., Sept. 21—A Negro man attacked a white housewife in an attempted rape here yesterday and was shot in the hand when he resisted arrest with a butcher knife, Lee County Sheriff Gene Lowe Jr. said tonight.

Held without bond in an undisclosed jail was Jake Allen, about 40, Loachapoka carpenter's helper. He was charged with assault with intent to rape and resisting arrest.

Lowe said the Negro, who admitted attacking the woman, was moved from the Lee County Jail at Opelika last night because Loachapoka citizenry became "stirred up" over the incident. Loachapoka is located on State Highway 14 six miles west of Auburn and 13 miles from Opelika.

The woman, whose name was not disclosed, told Lowe she went into the post office here about noon yesterday. The Negro, identified as Allen with whom she was acquainted, followed her inside and locked the door.

Allen attacked the mother several children and she fought with him for "about 15 minutes," the sheriff said he was told.

The woman's clothing was torn and she scratched the Negro face during the struggle; then she broke away and ran outside. H

attacker followed—at a walk—and went to his home, Lowe said.

The sheriff said he went to Allen's home early yesterday afternoon, accompanied by Deputy Robert Cunningham and a state highway patrolman.

The Negro brandished a butcher knife and said "I'm not going to be taken," Lowe said Allen "begged us to kill him."

After trying to "talk him into coming along with us," Lowe said he attempted to shoot the knife out of the Negro's hand and nicked Allen's finger once. Allen surrendered after about 30 minutes, the sheriff said.

Man Held In Rape Of Girl, 13

CENTREVILLE, Ala.—A white man identified as Herschel Lawley of Bessemer, Ala., was being held in the Bibb County jail, charged with criminal assault on a 13-year-old Negro girl.

Bibb County Sheriff C. A. Griffin said an abandoned car was found near the scene of the alleged attack. The sheriff said papers were found which identified Lawley as the wanted man.

THE TEEN-AGE girl said she and her 15-year-old girl companion were stopped by four white men on Highway 82 near the county line. The other girls escaped.

Sheriff Griffin said the names of the other three men were known but were being withheld as efforts are being made to apprehend the men, who also are from Jefferson County.

Lawley was charged with carnal knowledge of the teen-ager.

3-Story Fall Kills Attacker

BIRMINGHAM, July 23 (AP)

Negro who had grabbed a white woman fell three stories to his death while trying to escape from a downtown office in which he had been locked today.

Police said the man was seen attempting to walk along a narrow ledge, apparently trying to reach another office, just before he plunged to a first-floor rooftop.

Investigators later identified the man as Herman McBride, 27, who was free on bond while awaiting grand jury action on grand larceny charges against him.

Mrs. Carolyn Gay told officers she was waiting for an elevator when the man grabbed her and began dragging her into the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. offices.

Mrs. Gay said she began screaming and Charles Peake, a sales representative for another insurance firm, rushed into the office. He was joined by Dudley P. Cottrell, also an insurance executive.

The Negro man released Mrs. Gay and they locked him in the office, calling for police to take him into custody. Officers arrived within five minutes but the man already had taken his death.

Girl says Negro tried to rape her

Police are searching for a young Negro whom a 19-year-old West End girl said tried to rape her last night.

The girl told police that she was taking a bath when she left the tub, put on a robe, and answered a knock at her front door.

When she opened the door, she said, a young, thin-skinned Negro grabbed her arm and pushed her into the room, where he attempted to rip off the bath robe.

THE GIRL told police she jerked away from her attacker and ran out the front door screaming. She said the Negro fled when she started screaming.

Police said the girl described the attacker as being about five feet, nine inches tall, weighing about 140 pounds, of slender build.

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Negro Is Suspect In Assault Try

OPORA, March 26 (U.P.)—Negro Percy Lee Holman, 24, was jailed early today on charges he attempted to assault a white woman at her farm home near here.

Sheriff D. W. Snyder said Holman was picked up about midnight Monday night at the home of a relative in Winona, Miss., and admitted pulling a knife on the woman at her home and threatening to kill her if she screamed.

Snyder said Holman, who lived in a farm near the home of the victim, went to the woman's home Monday morning after her husband left and asked to borrow a saw. She told officers he grabbed her and pulled the knife when they went to a shed in the yard.

The sheriff said Holman fled when dogs in the area began barking at some cows.

Snyder, four highway patrolmen and deputies found him at the home of an aunt and the sheriff said Holman surrendered quietly.

Negro Held In Rape Suspect

At Huntsville

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (U.P.)—Other Henry Thompson, 24-year-old Negro hospital worker, was jailed today for investigation of the reported rape of a 16-year-old white married woman.

The victim told officers she and another girl were walking toward Huntsville Saturday night after the car in which they had been riding was stuck in a ditch.

Two Negroes drove up, she said and offered a ride. They declined and one of the Negroes got out and chased her into a cotton field where the rape occurred.

BEATING REPORTED

Ex-Seaman Jailed On Charge Of Assaulting Mobile Woman

MOBILE, Ala., May 8 (U.P.)—A 25-year-old former seaman was arrested after a waitress reported she was beaten and raped near her home early today.

Horace Young, 25, Mobile, was jailed on a rape charge when he came to the city jail to "bail out another buddy who was picked up in a fight," detectives said.

The waitress, 43, said she had met Young at a party and left with him and another man, who fell asleep on the back seat of their car. They drove to a lane on the western outskirts of Mobile and when Young made advances she jumped from the car, she told officers.

She said he caught her, beat her and raped her before she could break away and hide in the woods. When they left she ran to her nearby home and called officers, she said.

Officers said the waitress' jaw was swollen and her legs were scratched.

Young was free on bond on a charge of assault with intent to murder, and maritime officials said his seamen's papers had been revoked eight months ago for assault on the high seas.

Birmingham Rape Suspect Fights Return From Michigan

LANSING, Mich., June 4 (U.P.)—The question of whether Jerry Pruitt Jones should be extradited to Alabama to face a rape charge was referred to Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams following a preliminary hearing today.

Alfred B. Fitt, legal adviser to Williams, conducted the hearing and will submit a summary of the case to Williams for decision. Jones, 21, is alleged to have assaulted a 15-year-old girl in her residence in Birmingham last March 13.

Jones, a Negro car washer, is being held in Wayne County jail at Detroit. He did not appear at the hearing.

J. Connor Austin, Detroit attorney who represented him, raised no question as to the form of the papers, that his client was the man sought or that Jones was in Alabama at the time of the alleged offense.

At a previous hearing, Austin contended the requisition then before Michigan authorities was technically defective. It was sent back to Alabama, and the present papers then were forwarded.

Austin gave no indication of what further move, if any, he had in mind.

Negro Grilled In Rape Case

BAY MINETTE, Ala., Jan. 25 (U.P.)—Bay Minette officers talked today with a 20-year-old Negro about the reported rape of a Mobile woman. They did not give results of the questioning.

Robert Gaitors, 21, Pensacola, Fla., was wounded by a police bullet last night after he wrecked a car at the end of a 19-mile chase by highway patrolmen. The patrolmen said they started chasing him for speeding.

Gaitors was charged with driving without a license, reckless driving and resisting arrest. A warrant charging him with stealing the car he was driving was held in Pensacola.

The woman, a 34-year-old divorcee, told officers she was raped twice Wednesday night by a Negro who hid in her car in Mobile and forced her to drive to a lonely road near Theodore in South Mobile County.

She said she later escaped by jumping from the car. The vehicle was found yesterday near Theodore.

Hearing Set In Assault Case

DETROIT, Mich. (Special)—An extradition hearing for Jerry Pruitt Jones, 20-year-old Birmingham, Ala., youth accused of raping a 15-year-old white girl, was set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, in Recorder's Court here.

Conflicting newspaper stories, extradition had not been granted to Alabama by the State of Michigan.

Alabama authorities for several weeks have been seeking the return of a Negro woman.

Ordinary extradition was refused on technical grounds because the papers were faulty. A preliminary hearing was conducted by Alfred B. Fitt, legal adviser to Governor G. Mennen Williams.

J. Connor Austin is representing the woman.

Records indicated that Alabama authorities had presented statements from a doctor and a party living in an area Lake area with other material.

The alleged rape reportedly occurred March 13 at the teen-age girl's residence.

At Huntsville Attack Charge Is Dismissed

HUNTSVILLE, July 24 (U.P.)—Authorities today dismissed charges of criminal assault of a white woman brought against a Negro after passing the suspect through a lie detector test.

Solicitor Glenn Manning said the state had dropped the charge in the case of C. B. Allison Jr., 23, of Huntsville, after both Allison and the woman victim took tests yesterday at Tuscaloosa.

Manning said the tests indicated that both were telling the truth, but that the woman was not positive in her identification of Allison as her attacker.

The woman was attacked earlier this month by a Negro who climbed in the bedroom where she was sleeping with her husband, put his hands around her throat and dragged her outside. Her husband did not awake.

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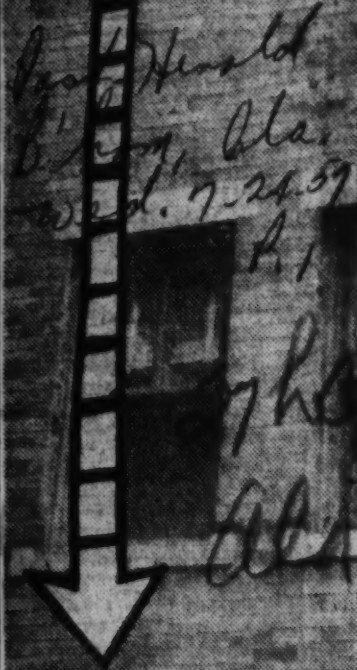
Millry Man Held On Rape Charge

ANDALUSIA, Ala., July 12 (U.P.)—A 33-year-old Washington County man is being held without bond in the Covington County jail in a charge of rape.

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Arkansas Holds Young Alabamian On Rape Charge

EN DORADO, Ark., May 29 (AP) —

Police said today that K. M. Townsend, 26-year-old Alabamian, has indicated he will refuse to have extradition to Alabama where he is charged with raping a 13-year-old girl.

Twonsend is in jail here on a charge of fleeing from justice. The Citronelle, Ala., oil field worker has not met the bond of \$2,000 which was set yesterday.

At Mobile, an extradition warrant for Townsend was signed and forwarded to Gov. James E. Folsom today by General Sessions Judge Tisdale J. Touart.

Townsend, formerly of Lawson, Ark., is charged in Alabama with raping the girl at Citronelle on May 21. Asst. Chief Deputy Prosecutor James Chambers said at Citronelle yesterday that the girl told him Townsend attacked her as she was baby-sitting at her brother's house.

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Hunt Rapist As Killer of 2 Policemen

Fires at Killer

Investigators said Phillips had been shot as he was about to write the date on the traffic ticket. The mortally wounded, he fired six shots at the fleeing car before he died.

Curtis was hit in the chest and side by three bullets as he leaped from the car. Also on the point of death, he crawled back into the car to call for the ambulance.

As police from five neighboring towns swung into action a Hermosa Beach patrol car came across a reportedly stolen car whose driver refused to stop until forced to the curb.

When the motorist, after stepping from the car, reached for his pocket, one of the officers shot him in the abdomen. He was taken to Hawthorne Community hospital in critical condition. Police identified him as Oliver Majors Jr., 22, of Lawndale. They said he was not involved in the shooting of the policemen, or in the lover's lane incident that preceded it.

Forced to Disrobe

In the lover's lane case a man confronted two teen-age couples sitting in a parked car and forced them all to disrobe under threat of death.

He ordered all except one girl back into their car, police said, and tied their hands behind their backs with strips of their clothing.

Then, officers said, he assaulted the girl who remained outside.

Later, investigators reported, he climbed back into the car, started it and forced all four teen-agers to walk naked ahead of the auto, threatening several times to run them down.

The teen-agers said he sped off in their car about 10 minutes later.

El Segundo, Cal., July 22 (AP) — Two policemen were shot and killed today after stopping a car for a minor traffic violation.

The killer's car, found abandoned four blocks away, had been stolen an hour earlier by a lover's lane rapist who took it at gunpoint from two teen-age couples after forcing a 15-year old girl to submit to his advances. Police of this and other nearby towns are searching for him.

In the excitement and confusion that swept the communities ringing the southern edge of Los Angeles after the double killing, police shot and critically wounded a 22 year old man who had no connection with the case.

Shot in Back

The two El Segundo policemen who were killed, Richard Phillips, 29, and Milton Curtis, 25, were found at an intersection that forms a boundary between El Segundo and Manhattan Beach. Phillips had been shot three times in the back. He was found dead by the roadside with his partner lying in the front seat of the police car.

Ironically, another patrol car had passed the scene less than 2 minutes before the shooting and its occupants had seen only the normal tableau of policemen giving a motorist a ticket.

The other police car was six blocks away when the words "send ambulance!" came gasping out of the police radio. They raced back to find the motorist gone and both officers shot.

Find child dead near her school

By EDWARD PEEKS
and S. F. YETTE

WASHINGTON
"It's vicious murder. The child was criminally assaulted and stabbed several times in the chest."

That's how Sgt. Michael Molinsky of the 14th Precinct described the murder of eight-year-old Valerie Denise Lee, whose nude body was found Thursday morning within 200 yards of Merritt Elementary School, 50th and Hayes St., N.E., Washington.

Sgt. Molinsky spoke near the scene of the crime, within the shadow of the school and three blocks from the dead child's home at 5013 Jay St., N.E. She was a second-grade pupil at the school.

THE BODY was found in a shrub area near the railroad by Merritt pupils on their way to school.

The girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Lee, both 30, said Valerie was last seen at noon, Wednesday, when she came home for lunch with a girl schoolmate.

POLICE SAID preliminary investigation showed that the girl was stabbed six times in the chest. An autopsy was being performed to determine the exact cause of death.

St. Lawrence Hartnett of the homicide squad told the APND the squad put 30 detectives on the case, bringing the total number to 44.

Police said there was no blood on the ground around the body. This circumstance gave rise to speculation that the child was ravished and slain, then brought where her body was found.

IN HER first-floor apartment, Thursday morning, the

dead girl's mother, Mrs. Blanche Lee, painfully told how she had combed her daughter's hair, dressed her for school and bade her goodbye before leaving to look for a job Wednesday morning.

"I had to go see about a job. I left about 20 minutes before nine. My husband is off on Tuesday and Wednesday, so he was here when I left. I last saw her as I was going to look for a job."

Mrs. Lee further told how she returned about 3 p.m. Wednesday, about 15 minutes before Valerie, the oldest of her three children, was due home from school.

About 3:30, Mrs. Lee's husband remarked, "You know Valerie isn't home from school yet," she said.

ABOUT THAT time, she said, a schoolmate who often calls Valerie, called by phone and asked the father if Valerie was at home.

"We didn't know that Valerie wasn't at school until the little girl called," Mrs. Lee said.

Uniformed policemen and detectives were still combing the area for clues when the Merritt school recessed for lunch.

PUPILS STREAMED down the railroad, eager for information about their dead schoolmate. Some tossed hearsay, facts and wild guesses as to how and when she met with violent death.

"A classmate told the teacher she saw Valerie on the Hill by Hayes St. at three o'clock," a boy said. "She was with another girl."

"SHE WAS seen with a girl and a boy," a girl put in.

"Ah, you don't know," another said.

A girl in a red coat with a hand to her mouth wanted to know, "Where did they find Valerie?"

School guards ushered the children up the track past the scene, as they moved homeward for lunch.

FOLLOWING THE call, Mr. Lee went to the school where he talked with a few teachers still there. None of them re-

ported seeing Valerie during the afternoon, Mrs. Lee said.

Valerie's homeroom teacher, Mrs. Natalie Howard, reported that the child had been present before noon, but did not return after lunch, the mother said.

MRS. LEE said that Valerie had brought another girl schoolmate home with her for lunch, because the schoolmate could not get into her house at the time.

Her husband fixed lunch for them, she said, and the two left together for school about 1 p.m.

Mrs. Lee said she talked with Valerie's girl companion and she told her that Valerie stopped to speak with a little boy just a short distance from the school.

THE GIRL companion reportedly went on to the school, and the little boy said that he and Valerie spoke only for a moment, Mrs. Lee said.

The mother stated further that the little boy, Valerie and her girl companion were all about the same age and size.

Speaking of her daughter as though the attack on her life had not really been fatal, Mrs. Lee said of Valerie:

She had passed an examination for a job as telephone operator a month earlier and had gone for an interview on Wednesday.

"They said they would call me," she said.

"She's a very good girl, a little sensitive, but she doesn't often get into trouble."

"She told on a little boy at school, last week, and he hit her and said he was going to beat her up," her mother remembered, "but my husband walked her back to school that day."

The boy had promised to "beat her up" because she and a classmate had given a substitute teacher the name of the boy when it was requested.

POLICE REPORTED that a boy a little larger than Valerie asked her about 1 p.m. why she was not in school.

Valerie answered: "I'm going away," police said the boy



DEATH SPOT—A policeman points to the spot where eight-year-old Valerie Denise Lee, second-grade pupil at

Merritt Elementary School, was found dead after she was criminally assaulted and stabbed six times in the chest.

reported. At that time, the boy is reported as saying, Valerie was walking in direction of Grant St., where the family lived about two years ago.

When the family learned that Valerie had not been in school Wednesday Mrs. Lee notified police and asked them to conduct a search, she said.

MEANWHILE, Mrs. Lee's mother and several other kinsmen and neighbors were called to the home where they began a search that covered the neighborhood, including the site where the body was found. Mrs. Lee said that the police were called often during the night, but the neighborhood searchers continued their vigil until after midnight.

"The police said they would let me know when they found some," Mrs. Lee said.

"But I didn't stop looking until after 2 a.m. when I laid down for a rest."

"IF THEY (police) had only looked last night, we might have saved her," Mrs. Lee said.

Mrs. Lee said that Valerie often brought other little children home with her when they could not find their way home or were lost in the neighborhood en route from school. "But she never goes anywhere without asking me," Mrs. Lee said. "If she goes out, she always calls me."

AS MRS. LEE sobbed through the details of the last day of her oldest child's life, two others, Tracy, 6, and Elaine, 3, huddled on the couch about her.

The mother clutched Valerie's school report card which ordered three periods of the recent year's work at Merritt Elementary School.

The reports were consistent for the three periods: C in group living; B, physical development; C, personal habits; C, effort; B, language; C,

IN THE column marked "effort" was a mark indicating that her work was neatly done and finished in reasonable time.

On the back of the card there was a notation that Valerie was developing a special interest in language, singing and leadership.

Mrs. Lee managed a hopeful smile when she spoke of the job opportunity that had taken her from her home the day before.

Killer Believed Still Lurking in Deanwood

2000 Quizzed as 32 Detectives Man Dragnet for Rape-Slayer of Girl, 8

By Alfred E. Lewis
Staff Reporter

Top police officials vowed yesterday to maintain one of the most diligent manhunts in District history until the rape-slayer of 8-year-old Valerie Lee is found.

The officials are convinced that the killer lives in the area being combed around the clock by 32 detectives—the Deanwood district of Northeast Washington.

Using maps, charts and indexed data collected in their searches and questioning of possible suspects, the policemen have tried to piece together clues to the identity of the sex maniac who ravished Valerie and left her nude, stabbed body in a thicket near 51st and Hayes sts. ne. 12 days ago.

The body was spotted by the engineer of an East Washington Railway Co. freight train about 40 feet away from the tracks. He notified police.

Within hours after the gruesome find, the search began under direction of Capt. Richard Felber, a 20-year veteran in the Homicide Squad which he now heads and a man who has solved many an "unsolvable" crime.

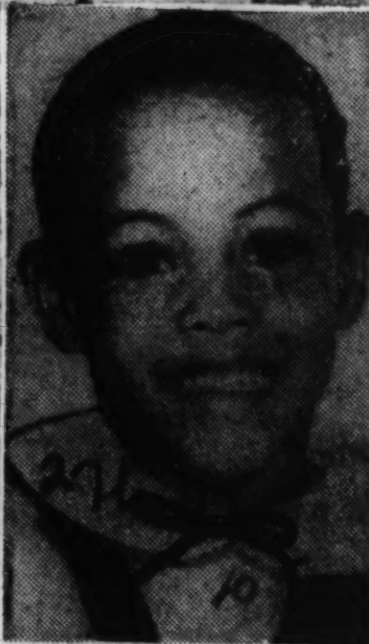
Working with him is a 20-man unit from police headquarters headed by Lt. Lawrence Hartnett, a Homicide Squad veteran of 15 years, and a 12-man force of detectives drawn from the Fifth District

and working under direction of Lt. Nunzio Bonaccorsy.

In addition, Capt. Howard F. Mowry, 14th Precinct, commanding officer, said many uniformed men have voluntarily joined the search during their off-duty hours.

Up to yesterday, they had interviewed 2000 persons, including 150 taken to headquarters for intensive questioning. Officers have knocked on doors at all hours of the day and night—often after midnight, to contact people who work at odd hours—and have sought the right to search every home to look for evidence.

So anxious are the residents



VALERIE D. LEE
... slain girl

to solve the crime that police have not been met with a single refusal.

Officers have poked through garbage cans and checked storm drains and sewers in their quest for evidence.

Church Posts Reward

In these ways, Police Chief Robert V. Murray has said, the Police Department is "making every possible effort to bring about a rapid solution of this case. We will continue our efforts and will leave no stone unturned until the person who committed this heinous crime is apprehended and convicted."

Murray made this statement in a letter acknowledging word that the First Baptist Church of Deanwood had posted a \$200 reward offer for the apprehension of the slayer.

A by-product of the investigation is the disclosure of about a dozen sexual molestation cases in the area which never were reported to police. Investigators point to this as underscoring their plea that all such cases be reported when they occur.

Valerie herself had been involved in one of these cases, according to her father, Ernest Lee, 29, of 5013 Jay st. ne., a railroad car washer for the

Washington Terminal Co.

Police investigated this incident thoroughly but found that the molester, a teen-aged boy, could not possibly have been the slayer.

Half a block from where Valerie's body was found, police learned of a case where a little girl answered a knock on her door and was lured into taking a ride with the intruder. She was returned six hours later.

Molester Beaten

In still another case, the father of a girl who had been molested beat up the molester so badly he was in bed for a week. Neither the molesting nor the beating were reported to police.

Lt. John L. Sullivan, head of the Sex Squad, said the neighborhood—mainly of modern apartments and well-kept homes—has been the scene of a dozen rape cases within the past five years. All but two of these cases have been closed.

Investigators have been hunting for anybody who may have seen Valerie after she was last seen by two Merritt School classmates. One of these, 9-year-old Jeanette White, who had eaten lunch that day at Valerie's house, said Valerie was standing on a street corner crying—but she couldn't explain why.

The search for clues has led to assemblies at Merritt and the neighboring Berryville School and at junior high and high schools serving the area. Pupils have been asked for clues—and, incidentally, warned against befriending strangers.



CHARLES L. DOUGLASS PVT. HENRY TREVATHAN
... robbery suspect and policeman who tracked him

Youth Shot in Flight Held As Assailant of Woman

Charles L. Douglass, 18, listed at 2003 Massachusetts ave. ne., was charged yesterday with the robbery and attempt to commit rape of a 37-year-old Northeast housewife.

United States Commissioner James T. Blain ordered Douglass held in \$10,000 bond after he was identified by Charlotte Ferretti, of 1212 East Capitol st., from her D. C. General Hospital bed.

Sex Squad Lt. John L. Sullivan said Douglass was shot through the thigh by a pursuing policeman and suffered head cuts when he crashed through a French door in escaping. The youth treated himself at home for the injuries which he told his family he suffered in a fight, Sullivan added.

Sullivan said the arrest was the result of the alertness and wide friendship with neighborhood children of Capitol Police Pvt. Henry L. Trevathan, 24.

According to Sullivan, Mrs. Ferretti said her attacker forced his way into her apartment about 9 a. m. Monday. She said he choked her, ripped off her clothes and robbed her of \$15. Then he was frightened away by the approach of a policeman whom neighbors

Youth Indicted On Rape Counts

A 20-year-old youth was indicted yesterday on charges of raping a 24-year-old woman on successive nights last November after breaking into her apartment in the 1100 block of West Virginia avenue N.E.

He is Rudolph H. Yates, Negro, of the 600 block of Ingraham street N.W. The complainant is white. The indictment charges the two attacks were on November 17 and 18.

Yates is accused in other counts of breaking into two other apartments and making simple assaults on two women and stealing property valued at \$78 from one of the other apartments.

A Bonning Air Force Base airman, Joseph Powell, 22, was indicted on a charge of breaking into an apartment of a 26-year-old woman last month and raping her. The complainant against Powell is a Negro.

Lorenzo Robinson, 23, Negro, of the 600 block of C street S.W., was indicted on a charge of second-degree murder. He is accused of beating a 19-year-old girl, also of the C street address, during an altercation last December 17. The victim was Jean A. Crump, Negro.

A 20-year-old woman was indicted on charges of sending an obscene and threatening letter through the mail to Assistant United States Attorney Thomas Flannery and Detective Sergt. William Elliott. She is Catherine M. Brooks, Negro, of the 400 block of M street N.W. A spokesman for the United States Attorney's Office said the woman became displeased because Mr. Flannery had dismissed a rape charge against a man in a case in which she was complainant. The dismissal was made because of insufficient evidence, the United States Attorney's Office said.

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Death Penalty Weighed After Rape Conviction

Evening Star
Washington, D.C.
District man faces a possible death penalty today as a result of his conviction in nearby Maryland on a rape charge involving a 17-year-old Argentine girl now living in Southeast Washington. *9-13-58*

A Prince Georges County Circuit Court jury deliberated only 22 minutes yesterday before returning the guilty verdict against James Roger Thompson, 28, of the 200 block of Twenty-first street N.E.

Thompson, a light-skinned

colored man, was accused of attacking and beating the slight bespectacled former

who is white, last June 20 in a wooded area along Bright Seat road near Landover, Md.

Sentencing Postponed

Judge John Raymond

Fletcher, who presided over the

two-day hearing in Upper Marl-

boro, said that "in view of the

seriousness of the offense," he

was postponing sentencing

pending receipt of a probation

report on Thompson. He asked

the county's Parole and Probation

Office to get this information

for him within 10 days.

Under Maryland law, penalty

for a conviction on a rape

charge can be death, a life sen-

tence, or a jail term ranging

from 18 months to 21 years.

State's Attorney Blair H.

Smith twice had demanded the

death sentence in his final

arguments to the jury of 11

men and one woman. He

called the crime "by far the

most serious and most vicious

case I have ever tried."

Testimony presented during

the trial accused Thompson of

picking up the girl, now 18, at

the United States Employment

Service office at 1724 F street

N.W. about 10 a.m. on the

pretext of offering her a job for

his "boss."

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Instead, the court was told,

he drove to a secluded area,

ordered the girl from the car,

then raped her after slapping

her face and knocking her

glasses to the ground. After-

ward, it was testified, he choked

The girl testified her assail-

ant then choked her into un-

consciousness again and left

her for dead. But she said she

managed to revive and walked

half a mile to a house, where

county police were called.

Defense attorneys George T.

Burroughs and Richard E.

Painter agreed that it was an

atrocious crime, but they

based their main argument on

the contention it was a case of

mistaken identification.

They said the girl was so

dazed she could not identify

her assailant fully until a few

days after the attack and had

picked Thompson out on the

same day at the hospital only

because she was shown a police

photograph of him.

Fairfax Indicts 3 On Rape Charge

Post & Times Herald Fri. 4-12-57
Washington D.C.
Three men were indicted on rape charges yesterday by a Fairfax County grand jury. Willis Lee Groves, 24-year-old Fort Myer airman, was cited on a charge of raping a 22-year-old Arlington Government worker and model at knife point. Groves is being held in jail in Arlington County where he faces a charge of abduction.

Police said Groves forced the girl into his car in Arlington and drove to Fairfax County where he attacked her. He was arrested several weeks later when the girl spotted his car on an Arlington street while she was riding a bus.

David R. Dodson, 17, of the 100 block Baggett street, Alexandria, was indicted for the second time on a charge of raping a 17-year-old Alexandria girl last November. He is one of four youths charged with participating in the attack. Dodson previously was indicted on the charge but the indictment was voided when his certification as an adult was ruled erroneous.

Oklahoma Indicted

Donald E. Thopson, 19, of Oklahoma City was charged with statutory rape of a 15-year-old girl in Falls Church.

Thompson was one of four Oklahoma youths arrested after police said the four took two crime spree in which he and one of the girls participated in an "Indian blood marriage."

Thompson and Enoch Roach, jr., 19, of John Roberts Homes, Alexandria were indicted on charges of aiding a fellow prisoner to escape from the Fairfax County Jail and for felonious assault on a pailer. They made a brief escape from the jail with another prisoner on February 12 but were captured before they got away from the courthouse.

Trial Set Today

Roach, one of the youths accused of attacking the Alexandria girl, is scheduled to be

tried today in Circuit Court on a rape charge.

James H. Coles, 35, of Manassas was indicted on a manslaughter charge. He was the driver of a car which killed Robert W. Hale, 13, of Nokesville, Va. Police said the boy was standing behind a car on Route 28 near Centreville when he was struck by the Coles auto. Charles H. Cross, 26-year-old convict, was indicted on a felonious assault charge in the February 9 stabbing of Roy Miller, 41, a guard at Prison Camp 30 in a Fairfax.

Marylander Accused of Rape Attempt

Post & Times Herald Fri. 4-12-57
Washington D.C.
A 23-year-old Suitland Manor man was charged yesterday

with assault with attempt to rape a 24-year-old bookkeeper who fought her way out of his car.

Prince Georges County police said Furman Bradbury, listed at 4620 Lewis ave., was being held without bond pending a hearing Monday in Upper Marlboro.

The assault took place after the victim had been driven to her Palmer Park (Md.) home by friends about 2 a. m., according to Capt. Charles N. Thomsen. Her assailant stopped his car across the street, ran over to the girl, and dragged her kicking and screaming into the car, police said.

The woman escaped from the car a few blocks from her home, police said. An unidentified motorist took her to Prince Georges General Hospital, where she was treated for cuts and bruises, on the face, arms and legs.

Privates Joe Price and J. J. Magruder said they arrested Bradbury in his car while investigating the screams.

Schoolgirl, 8, Found Slain; Police Hunt Penknife Rapist

Post & Times Herald Fri. 4-12-57
Washington D.C.
The body of an 8-year-old girl was found in a trash-littered thicket near 51st and Hayes sts. ne. yesterday. She had been stabbed eight times. A 2-man detective force joined in a search for the slayer of the child Valerie D. Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee of 5013 Jay st. ne. She was a 2d-grade pupil at Merritt School and was a victim of a rape-murderer, police said.

Her nude body was lying on the left side atop her clothing—a blue aqua dress and pale blue sweater. Her black patent leather shoes and gray coat, covered with blood, were found nearby.

3 Blocks From Home

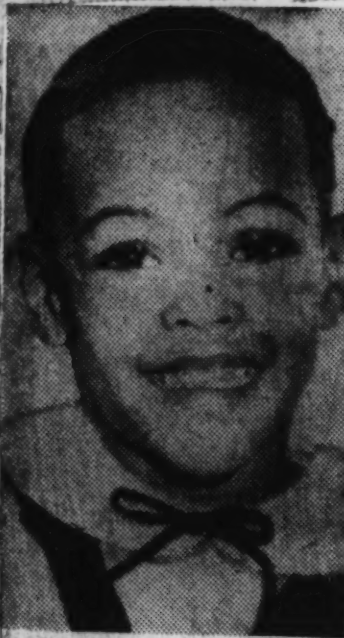
Police said she apparently was murdered elsewhere and her body abandoned in the thicket less than three blocks from her parents' neat 4-room basement apartment.

Deputy Coroner Christopher J. Murphy said she was stabbed twice in the heart, three times in the chest and once in the left side, and was cut twice about the chin with a penknife.

The child apparently was raped and murdered shortly after she had lunch and left home at about 12:30 p. m. Wednesday to return to her school at 50th and Hayes st. ne., Dr. Murphy said.

Valerie's father, a 29-year-old car washer at the Washington Terminal Co., had reported her missing at about 5 p. m. Wednesday after one of her schoolmates called at 3:30 and told him Valerie had not shown up for her afternoon classes.

Valerie, who often brought home children who had no place to go for lunch, brought another little girl with her Wednesday. Her father, who had the day off, fixed lunch for both, police said. Her mother,



VALERIE D. LEE

Blanche, had left at about 8 a. m. to apply for a job at the Bureau of Engraving.

All-Night Search

Lee, who with his wife, relatives and neighbors, conducted an all-night search of the neighborhood, said that during the search he had walked over the exact spot where her body was found. This supports police belief that she was murdered elsewhere.

Railroad Engineer Rylan Ruble of 109 Strathmeade st., Falls Church, spotted the body at 8:50 a. m. yesterday 44 feet from the East Washington Railway Co. spur tracks.

While neighbors comforted the Lees, who have two other children, Tracy, 6, and Elaine, 3, police questioned more than a score of persons, including several with sex offense records.

Rape-Slayer Net Spreads; 65 Quizzed

Post & Times Herald Fri. 4-12-57
Washington D.C.
More than 60 persons have been brought in for questioning in a house-to-house police search for the rape-slayer of 8-year-old Valerie Lee but Homicide Squad detectives say they have no suspects.

Police have mapped the entire northeast area surrounding the isolated thicket near 51st and Hayes sts. ne. where the mutilated body was found Thursday morning.

At least 25 detectives, aided by policemen working on their own time, fanned out yesterday in a block-by-block inspection of basements, houses, garages, parked autos, wooded areas and any other spot where the girl might have been stabbed before the killer dumped her body alongside a railroad spur less than three blocks from her home at 5013 Jay st. ne.

Capt. Richard J. Felber, head of the Homicide Squad, put short his days off to direct the search. Police said the slaying is one of the most vicious in recent years and apparently is the work of a sadistic sex killer.

Aaron Perry Jailed, Kin Held in Rape

Post & Times Herald Fri. 4-12-57
Washington D.C.
Aaron Perry, 31, former District welterweight boxing champion, was sentenced yesterday to 8 to 24 years in prison on a rape charge. His brother, Roscoe, 30, was held for grand jury action in another rape case.

The former boxer was sentenced by Judge Richmond D. Keech for raping a 20-year-old girl Nov. 24. Perry, of 102 33d st. ne., admitted being intimate

with the girl in his car on the Soldiers Home grounds, but said she consented.

His brother, Roscoe, listed at 3400 Holmead pl. nw., was charged with raping a 28-year-old woman who came to his apartment early yesterday in search of her girl friend. The woman told police the elder Perry forced her to disrobe at knife point. He was held for action of grand jury under \$10,000 bond.

Treat Buyer Sought After Rape of Child

Post & Times Herald Fri. 4-12-57
Washington D.C.
A man seen at a church bazaar buying ice cream for a group of small children was being sought by police yesterday as a suspect in an attack on a 3-year-old girl who was lured away from the church function and raped in a woods at 16th st. and Morris rd. se.

The child was found walking from the woods about 5 p. m. Saturday by a passerby who called police. Detective George Wolfgang, of the sex squad, said an examination at D. C. General Hospital showed the little girl had been sexually assaulted.

The child's mother had reported her daughter missing from the church bazaar about 6 p. m. Saturday. Wolfgang said the youngster told police her attacker had threatened to kill her.

Several persons who attended the church bazaar at 7th and I sts. se. told police a Negro man about 53 years old had been there buying children ice cream until about 4 p. m.

Police broadcast a lookout for a man about 6 feet tall, weighing about 150 pounds and neatly dressed in khaki pants, light brown shirt and a beige cap.

Police See Card File Leading to Girl's Slayer

Post & Times Herald P. 1-B
Mon. 5-20-57
Washington, D.C.

The search for the rape-slayer of Valerie Lee entered its sixth week yesterday with nearly a score of Metropolitan Police detectives building an ever-expanding card file they feel will eventually lead them to the killer.

The 8-year-old girl's mutilated body was found the morning after Valerie Lee April 10 slaying in a trash-littered thicket at 51st and Hayes sts. ne. Police have been without clues. But in a special head-headquarters in the Merritt School at 50th and Hayes sts. ne. where Valerie was a second-grade student, police have three boxes filled with thousands of 3-by-3-inch index cards filled with information on persons questioned so far.

"We are confident that the investigation of the people listed on those cards will lead us to the person responsible," Deputy Police Chief Edgar E. Scott, chief of detectives, said yesterday.

The card file bears mute testimony to the hundreds of hours of an around-the-clock investigation set off by the discovery of the child's body, which bore eight stab wounds. All known sex offenders living in the vicinity of the slain child's home, 5013 Jay st. ne., have been questioned repeatedly and the information recorded.

The 18-man squad of detectives investigating the case often has worked for 36 hours without a break running down possible suspects, conducting room-to-room searches of neighborhood dwellings, basements and other places where the crime might have taken place, Scott said.

Although police have no suspects, Scott feels that somewhere in the voluminous card file, which constantly is being reviewed, may lie the key to the identity of the killer.

Attack in Home Injures Woman



By Norman Driscoll, Staff Photographer
CHARLOTTE FERRETTI
... fights off attacker

A housewife was severely beaten and choked in her home yesterday by an assailant who fled leaving a trail of blood after a policeman fired three bullets at him.

Charlotte Ferretti, 37, of 1212 East Capitol st., was admitted to D. C. General Hospital, suffering from shock and severe bruises and lacerations on face and neck.

The attacker smashed through the glass of a French door, jumped through a window, taking pane and screen with him, dropped 11 feet to the ground and fled down an alley.

Fifth Precinct Pvt. James E. Simmons, called by neighbors who heard Mrs. Ferretti screaming, fired three shots from the window, then dropped to the ground and chased the fugitive three blocks through back alleys, but lost him.

Mrs. Ferretti said she was alone in her row house about

9 a. m. when a Negro 6 feet tall, 19 to 20 years old, rang the bell and asked her if she had any "painting or papering." He left to return shortly asking if her husband was home, then mounted a bicycle and rode away. He returned a third time, pushed his way in, seized her throat and began ripping at her clothes, Mrs. Ferretti reported.

Simmons said the bicycle, identified by streamers on the handlebars, was picked up nearby at 13th st. and North Carolina ave. ne. It was identified as one stolen Friday from the 300 block of Constitution ave. ne., Simmons said.

Say 5 boys attempted attack at Valerie's murder scene

Post & Times Herald P. 1-B
Sat. 5-18-57
WASHINGTON

Juvenile authorities say five Northeast boys admitted assault with intent to commit carnal knowledge on a 14-year-old girl Saturday night in a clump of bushes near the scene where Valerie Lee's body was found, April 11.

The boys, ages 15 to 16, pulled the girl into a thicket in the 400 block of 50th St., NE, and attempted unsuccessfully to rape the girl as she returned from a party with a girlfriend, the police report said.

Detective Chief Edgar E. Scott said the boys had been quizzed to establish possible connection with the rape-murder of eight-year-old Valerie Lee whose body was found in a thicket near 50th and Hayes Sts., NE, but "no connection" has been found.

IN A STATEMENT to which police say the boys admitted as true, the 14-year-old Northeast schoolgirl told this story:

County Man Held In Rape, Abortion

Post & Times Herald P. 1-B
Prince Georges County Police arrested William T. Riley of 4700 Upshur st., Bladensburg, yesterday on charges of rape, abortion and four counts of practicing medicine without a license.

Det. Sgt. Richard A. Pearson and Det. John F. Wilding arrested Riley on complaint of an 18-year-old District girl who claimed he had performed an abortion on her March 20. She reported that Riley later had picked her up in front of her home in his automobile, took her to his office and raped her at pistol point, the detectives said.

Riley is listed as a "naturopathic physician." He is being held without bond for hearing May 6 in Upper Marlboro Trial Magistrate's Court.

The girl went to the home of a playmate to walk home with a neighbor following a party Saturday night. She was carrying a radio which she said did not belong to her.

On leaving the house, the four boys entered their company and enticed the victim to let them carry the radio.

One of the boys, the leader of the group, ran into some bushes with the radio and told her she could get it only by coming in after it.

She refused, telling them that she could see through their scheme. She walked part of the way home with her girlfriend who insisted that she must go home.

WHEN THE victim returned to the scene to try to recover the radio the boys pulled her into the thicket, forcibly undressed her, and attempted to act.

She reported the incident immediately to her mother who called police.

The alleged assault is the second in as many weekends

in which juvenile authorities have been plagued by complaints of attempted rape on a minor girl.

THREE OF the five boys involved in the most recent case have previous juvenile court records.

The leader of Saturday night's alleged attack, was arrested for petit larceny in 1953, and two of the other two have two previous offenses apiece.

One of them, a 15-year-old, was placed on probation after conviction on five counts of housebreaking in 1950.

All five are being held for action of the Juvenile Court.

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FLORIDA

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ACCUSED RAPIST IN SECRET JAIL

Jacksonville Fla.
Monticello -- A Negro sought for rape of a white housewife was arrested at his home late last Sunday and hustled off to a secret jail for safekeeping.
Sat. 3-30-57
Col. H. N. Kirkman, commander of the Florida Highway Patrol, said Albert Truelock, about 30, was captured by Sheriff J. D. Thomas and State Trooper John Bemberry after an all-day search by a posse.

The housewife said her assailant broke into her home about 5:30 a. m. after her husband had left for work at a dairy. She said she was raped despite efforts to fight him off.

Monticello is 26 miles east of Tallahassee.

Negro 'Stomped' For Seizing Girl

Mon. 6-19-57
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 18 (U.P.)—A Negro man hugged and "held onto" a 15-year-old white girl in a bus ticket line here today, then was thrown to the floor and "stomped" by the girl's father and several bystanders.
Police said the Negro, Joe Land Bennett, 25, of Bartow, Fla., was booked for disorderly conduct and assaulting the girl, who screamed for help when she was seized.
Officers said he confessed the attack with the statement: "Something just came over me."
A. C. Marshall, a Ga. radio newsman who was standing behind Bennett in line when the incident occurred, said the Negro had "almost a death hold around the little girl's waist. He did not try to fight us off or anything. He just held onto the girl and wouldn't let go."

During the few seconds she was in Bennett's grasp, the girl kept screaming, "Daddy, Daddy, help me," Marshall said.
The father, along with "six or seven others," wrestled the girl free, then beat Bennett to the floor and held him until officers arrived. The girl suffered no physical harm.
The incident occurred at the Greyhound bus terminal in downtown Jacksonville.

Negro Who Grabbed White Girl Sentenced

Jacksonville, Fla.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 17 (U.P.)—A 25-year-old Negro who grabbed a white girl around the waist in a bus station yesterday was sentenced today to 90 days in jail.
Joe Land Bennett of Bartow told Judge Charles Miller, "Something came over me" when he grabbed the 15-year-old girl as they stood in line to board a bus.
Bystanders had to use force to make Bennett release the girl, witnesses said.

Suspect Held In Broward Assault Case

Jacksonville Fla.
FORT LAUDERDALE, Aug. 19 (U.P.)—Hubert Hinson, 37-year-old Dania man, was held in Broward County Jail today while law enforcement officers conferred on what charges to file against him.
Quinton V. Long, assistant state attorney, said Hinson was held on a charge of resisting arrest and probably would be charged with rape.
Ben W. Grigsby, chief criminal investigator for the sheriff's office, said Hinson was arrested last night after an 8-year-old girl and her 7-year-old sister were tricked into getting into his car while their parents were inside a bar.

Grigsby said the older child was sexually assaulted twice and forced to commit an unnatural act. She later underwent surgery at a hospital.

Grigsby gave this account:
The mother gave the children soft drinks and told them to wait in the car outside the bar. Five minutes later, the parents found the girls missing and reported it. Hinson was arrested 59 minutes later, when he was stopped on

State Road 7 after a minor traffic accident.

While the accident was being investigated, a Seminole Indian who had found the two girls in the woods, brought them to the scene. Hinson was being questioned at the time.

Grigsby said the younger girl pointed out Hinson as the man who took them away in his car.

When the Indian brought the two girls to the scene, Deputy Sheriff Howard Spangler and three other men subdued Hinson, who was rushed to jail, Grigsby said.

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GEORGIA

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STUDENT IS Daily World ASSAULTED Thurs. 4-11-57 HERE MON. Atlanta, Ga.

A Spelman College student was criminally attacked Monday night as she walked toward her home from evening classes, police reported.

The 21-year-old victim was walking South on Chestnut, leaving the college campus, when she was forced into an automobile at pistol point and driven to desolate parking area at the rear of several stores on Alpine Place near Meritt Avenue, reports said.

Police are searching for two young men suspected of the crime. Det. M. W. Blackwell and M. A. Johnson quoted her as saying she asked a housewife, Mrs. Bernice Hall, 329 McDaniel St., Apt. 144, to call police after her youthful tormentors released her.

She told investigators her abductors were riding in an old model pea-green Chevrolet with ragged upholstery and the glass broken out of the right rear door.

helped her on across the road and the four then took her to a nearby golf course.

There, Love quoted the Negroes as admitting, that each had sexual relations with her while the others alternately held her.

Instead of being thrown into the ditch afterward, the Negroes said, she fell in.

The county officer identified one of the Negroes as Edward Brown, 17. The others, he reported, are 14, 13 and 12—all juveniles under Georgia law which bans publication of their names without court permission.

Love said that whether they will be dealt with in juvenile or criminal court will be determined in conference between juvenile officials of the two courts.

Pregnant white Constitution Attacked by 4, Atlanta, Ga. P. 16 Police Report Apr. 16-6-57

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 5 (AP)—A 24-year-old pregnant white woman was raped Friday night by four youths, the youngest 12, Chatham County police reported.

Police Lt. O. F. Love said the woman, a tavern waitress, was booked on a drunkenness charge. He added that she is separated from her husband.

Love reported that the young Negroes, arrested about 4 a.m. by Savannah detectives, have signed a statement admitting the attack. They denied, however, the lieutenant said, a statement of the woman that she was dragged from an automobile and, after the assault, thrown into a muddy ditch.

The Negroes said she had started across a road and almost was hit by an automobile. One of them, their statement said,

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GI Sentenced In Rape Try

Admission P.2 a
FRANKFURT, Germany, Feb. 15 (AP) — A 21-year-old American soldier was given the maximum sentence of 25 years in prison today after he pleaded guilty to attempting to rape two German women.
Montgomery, Ala.
The sentence, which is subject to review, was imposed on Pvt. Herbert Moody, a Negro from Columbus, Miss.

No testimony was taken by the seven-man U.S. Army court martial. Attorneys for Moody and the Army agreed these were the facts in the case.

Germany
Moody was released from an Army stockade on Feb. 2 after serving 30 days for failure to report for guard duty.

Without an official pass, he went into the town of Erlangen, and grabbed a woman on the street, tearing her clothes and striking her. When she screamed and a crowd gathered, Moody escaped.

Twenty-five minutes later, he accosted another German woman in the doorway of a library, but she turned on him and began choking him. He fled again.

Both women picked Moody out of a lineup and the soldier admitted the deeds and asked an early trial.

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ILLINOIS

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Jury frees Chicago newsman of charge

He molested girl

Baltimore, Md.
CHICAGO — A jury of six women and six men, after deliberating 2½ hours Thursday, acquitted Vincent T. Tubbs, nationally known newsman, of rape and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Tubbs, who at the time of his arrest on last March 16, was managing editor of Jet Magazine, took the stand in his own defense and denied that he had molested the 18-year-old blonde as charged.

A long parade of witnesses testified during the two and one-half days trial. The state sought to prove that Tubbs had assaulted the girl when she came to his apartment to sell him candy for a charity project.

Chicago Negro Admits 40 Rapes

CHICAGO (UP)— Police today said Walter (Spook) Montgomery, 30, has admitted 40 rapes in recent months on Chicago's South Side.

Montgomery, a dapper, 6-foot, 170-pound man, was arrested Sunday night on suspicion. Police said he was carrying a steak knife with a four-inch blade.

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Student Held to Jury in Lawrenceburg Rape

Kentucky State Senior Is Returned to Jail
Without Bond In Case Involving 7-Year-Old

Thurs. 3-20-57
By HUGH MORRIS
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Lawrenceburg, Ky., March 23.—A 23-year-old senior at Kentucky State College was held to the Anderson County grand jury today, accused of raping a 7-year-old girl.

The student, Mahatma White, Chicago, is a Negro. The girl is white.

White was brought here for arraignment by a five-car State police escort from Frankfort, where he has been in jail without bond since his arrest late Monday.

A Circuit Courtroom crowd of 500 persons was admonished by County Attorney Ollie Bowen to "make no demonstration" just before White was taken into the courtroom through two Frankfort policemen.

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tween Lawrenceburg and Alton, where they said she was attacked.

The girl was found wandering along KY 35 about 4½ miles south of here by F.B.I. Agent Kyle Tackett.

State police said a doctor who examined the girl said she had been raped and that she was in satisfactory condition at her home.

White was arrested by two Frankfort policemen several hours afterward in Frankfort.

State police said the girl and her 9-year-old sister were returning home from school when a man grabbed her and drove off. They said the older sister had run ahead to a mailbox.

Police said a couple who pushed White's car on the side road when it failed to start identified him in a line-up at State Police Headquarters here. They said the girl also identified the man.

White has made no statement, police said. They added that he would be arraigned in Anderson County Court at Lawrenceburg, but when was not announced.

Faces More Charges

At Frankfort, meanwhile, new counts of armed robbery and attempted rape were filed against White.

Mrs. Ralph E. Robinson, wife of the Frankfort Country Club manager, preferred the charges.

Frankfort Police Chief William C. Wash said Mrs. Robinson identified White as the man who entered her home February 15 and robbed her of about \$6 at gun point.

She said the man grabbed her but, after she broke away, fled without molesting her further.

Kentucky State Student Accused of Raping Girl, 7

Frankfort, Ky., March 18 (AP)—A 23-year-old senior at Kentucky State College tonight was charged with kidnaping and raping a 7-year-old girl.

State police identified the man as Mahatma White, Chicago. He is a Negro. The child is white.

They said White allegedly picked up the child near her home at Lawrenceburg this afternoon, put her in his car, and drove to a side road be-

Kentucky Student Held On Assault

LAWRENCEBURG, Ky. — (ANP) — A 23-year-old Chicago student attending Kentucky State College was indicted by an Anderson County grand jury here last week in connection with the rape of a 7-year-old white girl.

The man, Mahatma White, a senior at the college, was held without bond and returned to Franklin County jail after Judge Coleman Wright asked if he had an attorney and White refused to identify his counsel, but contended he had an attorney.

White was arrested several hours after the girl was picked up by a motorist near her home.

found a short time later wandering along the highway.

Meanwhile two state patrolmen stopped White in Frankfort after following from the highway. When they asked for his driver's license he said he had left it in his room at Kentucky State college.

While they were questioning White, the victim spied him and shouted: "That's the one."

The child testified that after she had been assaulted, her assailant could not get his car started.

The chain of evidence against White appeared stronger when a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Crask, picked him out of a lineup as the person to whom they gave an assist near the scene of the attack.

White was transported to Frankfort by a cordon of state police.

Student From Chicago Held In Rape Of Kentucky Child

LAWRENCE, Ky. — A 23-year-old Chicagoan, a senior at Kentucky State college, faces trial here on charges that he kidnaped and raped a 7-year-old white girl, and robbed and attempted to rape a housewife at gunpoint.

Mahatma White was indicted by the victim and picked out of a lineup by witnesses who placed him at the scene of the assault.

According to police, the little girl, accompanied by a seven-year-old sister were on their way home after visiting the library, when they were accosted by a man in an automobile who "hollered" something at them.

Later, police, said, the car returned, and the man grabbed the younger girl who had fallen behind. The older sister aroused her mother, who sought a neighbor's aid.

State police set up roadblocks and were joined by the FBI, sheriff's police and a posse of private citizens in seeking to find the child and her abductor. The child was

Meanwhile, students and officials at Kentucky State college were stunned by the news, refusing to believe that White had committed the crime. They pointed out that he was a "B" student and president of the senior class.

He is a graduate of Corpus Christi high school in Chicago, and his mother, brother and sister are graduates of Kentucky State. His father is a Chicago postal employee.

The other charges against White were brought by a Frankfort housewife, who identified him as the person who entered her home last February, took \$5 at gunpoint, then attempted to rape her.

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Rape Is Charged Against Teen-Age Pair

Orleans parish district attorney's office Friday accepted charges against two teen-agers in connection with alleged attack March 19 on 17-year-old Negro woman.

Accused were Freddie Hampton, 18, 8134 N. Rocheblave, and James Madison, 18, 4940 St. Charles, both Negroes. Hampton is in custody and Madison is still at large.

Prosecutor Charles Pinero said the pair were arrested shortly after the woman was attacked. Assistant district attorney James C. Garrison accepted the charges.

Prayer Vigil Held For Doomed Youth

Michel was denied Monday.

Judge Herbert W. Christy in federal district court a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by defense attorney George Fust. The condemned man is scheduled to be executed Friday in the electric chair for the alleged criminal act of a 17-year-old white woman.

Attorneys of probable guilt which would have automatically stayed the execution pending an appeal to the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was also denied by the court. George Fust, the condemned man's attorney, immediately appealed to the court and the court has been sitting on the case since Wednesday. Michel's attorneys were still fighting with every legal maneuver to save the doomed youth.

Michel's case involves "the Louisiana moral issue" has, in fact, reserved the penalty for rape exclusively for Negroes accused of

assaulting white women. Records show that the last execution of a white man for rape was held in New Orleans, Aug. 9, 1907—nearly fifty years ago. Michel will be the forty-third



JOHN MICHEL

Negro to be executed for the crime in the same period.

This case began Feb. 14, 1953 when two white girls had attended a carnival parade and were reportedly robbed while en route home. One was allowed to leave the scene of the robbery, reports say, while the other was forced to accompany the holdup man to a vacant lot where she was "raped."

John Michel was arrested Feb. 16, 1953; his case was allotted to Section F, Criminal Court (Judge Niels F. Hertz) on Feb. 18; he was indicted by all all-white grand jury for aggravated rape, Feb. 19; legal counsel was appointed by the court on March 5 (Atty. Gerard H. Schreiber) and on March 6 (Atty. George Fust).

A motion to quash the indictment because Negroes were excluded from the grand jury was denied by Judge Hertz, March 9. He was tried and convicted by an all-white jury on May 28, 1953; his motion for new trial and arrest of judgement was denied July 13; Attys. Fust and Schreiber filed 41 bills of exceptions Nov. 9, 1953; the same day Michel was sentenced to death and the case was appealed to the State Supreme

Court.

The conviction and death sentence were upheld by the State Supreme Court on July 8, 1954.

The matter was taken to the United States Supreme Court. The decision and sentence of the lower courts were affirmed Dec. 5, 1955.

Monday's hearing in U. S. District Court challenged the indictment on grounds that at the time Michel was indicted no known Negro had ever been selected to serve on the Orleans Parish grand jury.

Members of the grand jury which indicted Michel were: Roy L. Alciatore, Otto H. Armbruster, Russell L. Cuoco, John M. DeBen, foreman; Joseph L. Fournier, Louis R. Hannemann, Charles G. Justice, Noel A. Parmentel, Charles S. Potter, George J. Roussel, Jr., John B. Shober and Victor W. Vivien.

Under discussion was the interpretation of the Article 202, Louisiana Code of Criminal Procedure which provides that any challenges of indictments must be filed before the expiration of the third judicial day of the term for which the grand jury shall have been drawn.

Records show the grand jury which indicted Michel was empaneled Sept. 2, 1952, and was discharged March 2, 1953. The court did not appoint counsel for Michel until March 5, 1953. The challenge of the indictment was filed March 9, and the higher courts held this was after the legal deadline.

Whether or not the case was actually "rape" is another question for discussion. Nowhere in the trial was a weapon produced although Michel was accused of using a knife. One record describes the weapon as a finger-nail file.

Another angle being widely discussed is that Michel, the victim and the other girl in the case apparently knew each other and all lived in the same general neighborhood. The "rape" alarm, most persons believe,

was sounded by the girl who was allegedly told by Michel that she could "go home." Records also failed to show that the alleged victim resisted by fighting, screaming or crying out after the alleged attacker had released her.

Also a significant angle is that Michel, a youth of the Latin type, was described by the alleged victim and the other girl as a Negro in their first report of the incident. This has given further impetus to the belief that he was known to them previously.

Interest in the case swept over the entire city last week. An all-night prayer meeting led by Mrs. Audley Moore and Mrs. Elizabeth Watkins was sponsored by the Sons and Daughters of Ethiopia on Saturday night at 3611 Second Street.

Mrs. Moore quoted Governor Earl K. Long's secretary as saying the governor planned to do nothing to halt the execution of Michel and seven other condemned men who were sentenced during former Gov. Robert Kennon's administration.

Criminal Sheriff Louis Heyd has refused to allow newspaper reporters to visit and interview Michel.

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Cops Hunt Child's Slayer

At Funeral

By MARY STRATFORD
WASHINGTON
The heat is on. It was a day of sorrow at the Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church, Thursday, as mourners were reminded that a kill might have been in their midst. The crowd of approximately 250 persons who attended funeral services for little Valerie Denise Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee, criminally assaulted and slain by a sex slayer, last week.

Hewlett, pastor of the church, spoke of the community's love for the eight-year-old girl, detectives combed the audience for the man who had been Valerie's enemy.

THE NUMBER of policemen attending the services was not disclosed, although Lt. Lawrence Hartnett of the homicide squad, readily admitted they were present.

Undercover men were spotted making calls at police boxes in the vicinity. Still others were detected signaling to uniformed police. Cruisers, from the homicide, sex and juvenile squad, made up part of the funeral cortege of

approximately 50 cars.

Funeral services began at 12:30 p.m. Valerie was buried at Arlington Memorial Cemetery. People arrived at the tiny neighborhood church as early as 11 a.m.

Those who could not get inside the building numbered about 100.

WOMEN STOOD outside with babies in their arms. Children sat on the lawn. Many looked involuntarily over the sloping hills toward the schooling willow. I want to see him where Valerie had been a second-grade pupil; shaded their eyes to gaze at her home local steam and burn and let him ed in the neighborhood at 5013 Jay St., NE, or merely stared at the blooming dogwood and cherry blossom trees near the area where the child's body

was found.

Why had they come to mourn Valerie?

Speaking of it brought tears to one woman's eyes. A desire for revenge on Valerie's killer was expressed more than once as the crowd stood in the serene sunshine. One woman said:

"I didn't know her, but I read about it in the AFRO."

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What were the effects of the killer's act?

ACCORDING to the Rev. Mr. the Petworth Funeral Home Hewlett, the crime "shocked from 3 to 10 p.m. Wednesday and horrified the entire community by displaying man's sons.

cruelty and inhumanity to She was attired in her favorite colors of pink and black clothes which her mother purchased last Saturday following the child's death.

"We pay tribute to Valerie," said the pastor. "She did not live long enough to harm any man."

All that was hers of life was innocence and purity.

"Her's was a song of joy. We come here today to pay tribute to a happy little girl."

BUT IF any good has come from the act of violence, then it has been the arousing of "a sense of responsibility in the community to see that this shall not happen again," the pastor declared.

"We should take positive, intelligent steps to see that it does not happen again."

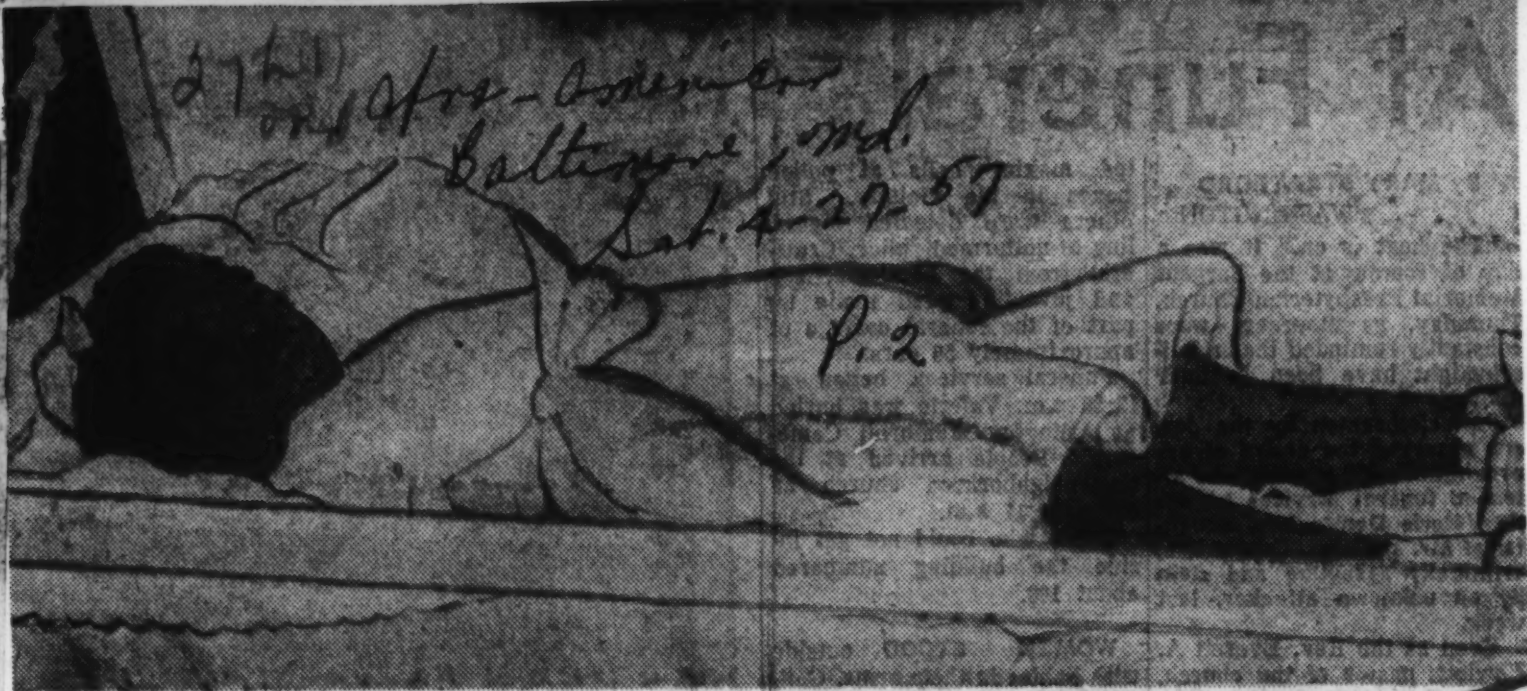
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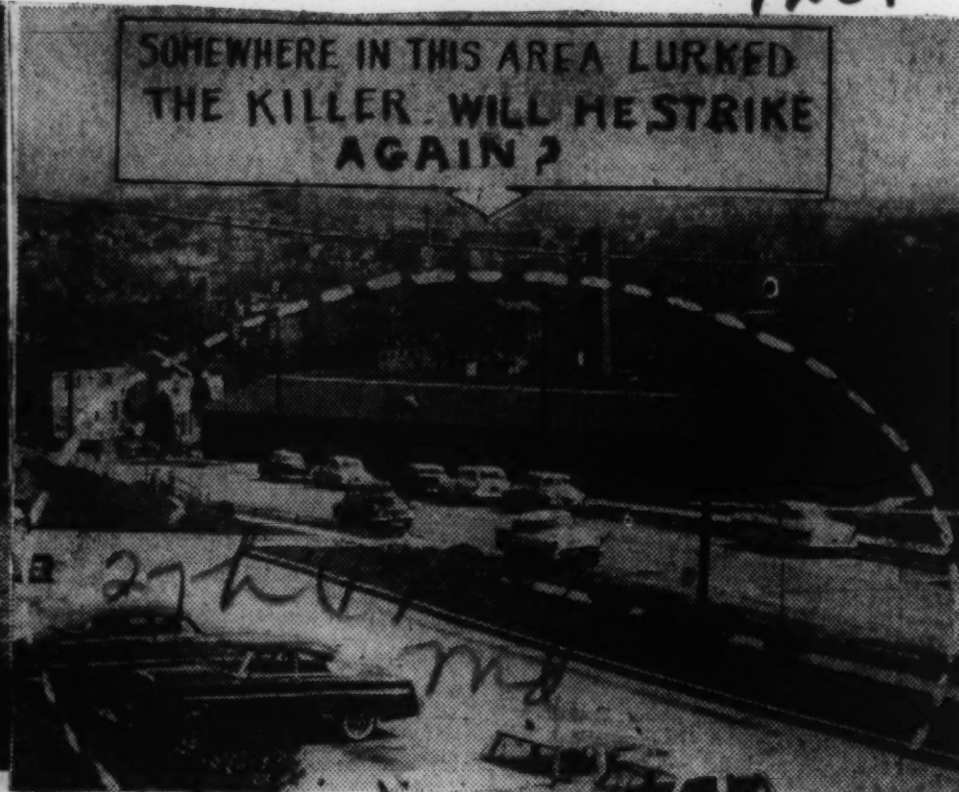
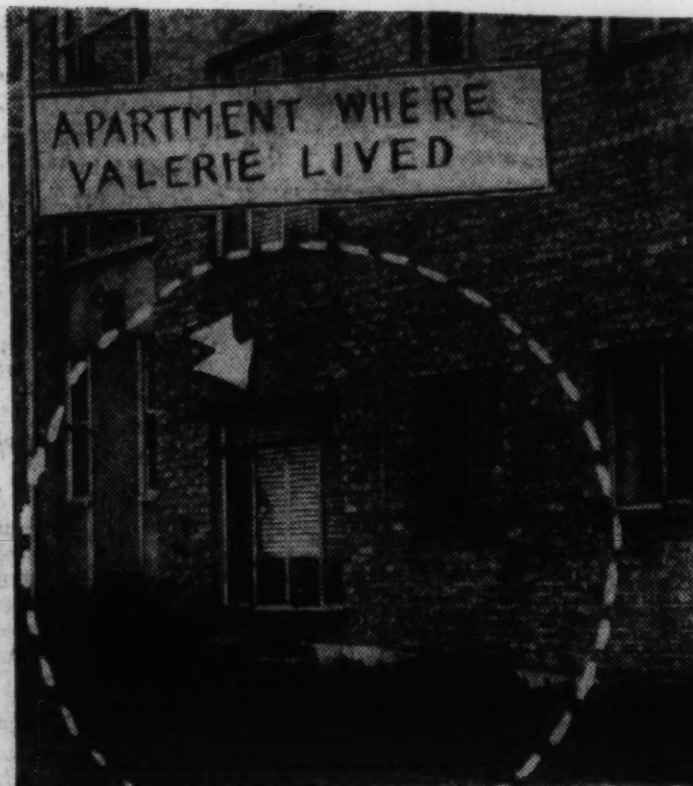
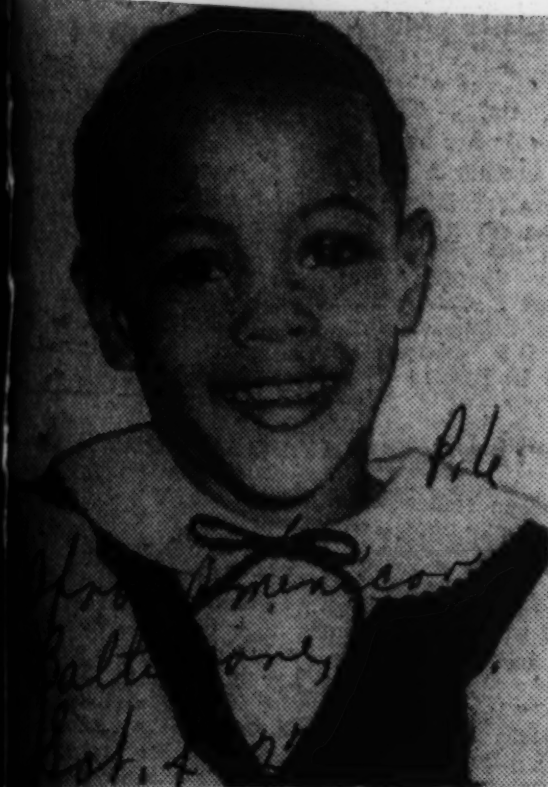
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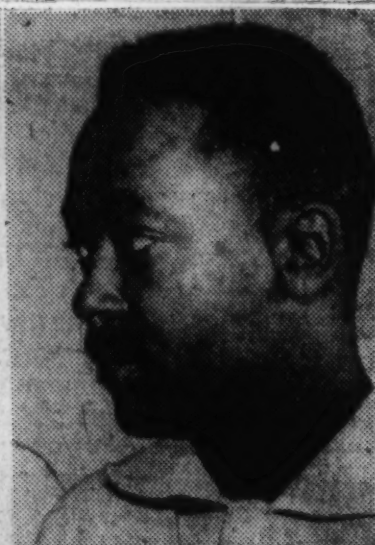
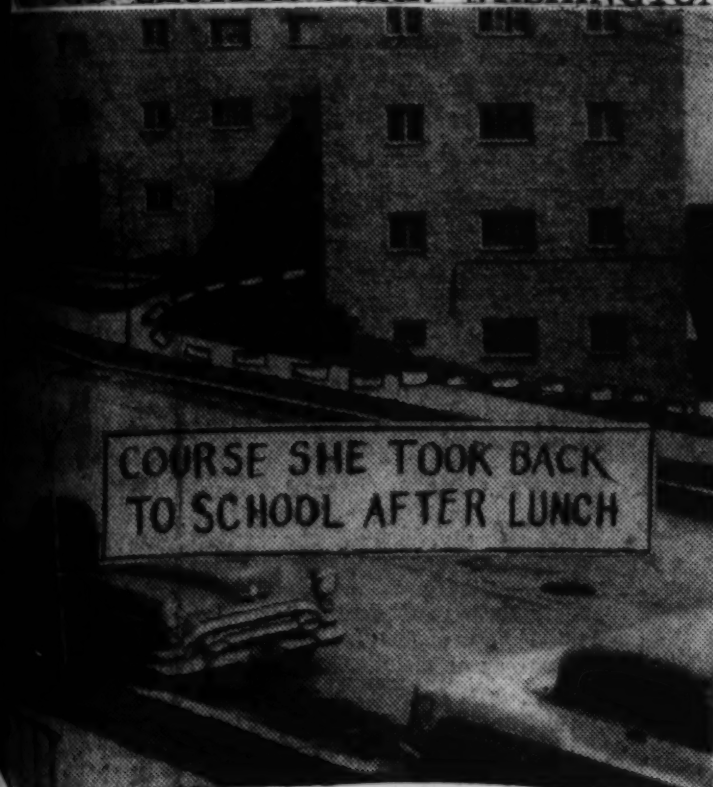
VALERIE DENIS LEE, 8, as her body was viewed Wednesday at a Washington funeral parlor.

1. The first of these is the fact that the majority of the population of the United States is now living in urban areas. This is a result of the process of urbanization, which has been going on since the beginning of the 20th century. The process of urbanization is the movement of people from rural areas to urban areas. This is caused by a number of factors, including the need for labor in the manufacturing sector, the availability of jobs in the service sector, and the desire for a better standard of living. The result is that the majority of the population now lives in urban areas, which are characterized by high population density, a high level of economic activity, and a high level of social organization.

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VALERIE'S PARENTS—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Lee, parents of slain eight-year-old girl. They have two other children.

from American Baltimore, Md. Sat. 4-27-57
Valerie was the sweetheart of the whole neighborhood

BY RALPH MATTHEWS
WASHINGTON
"My aunt came in and looked

at me with an odd expression face a study in woe and dis-
on her face. She told me to sit be-
down and I knew instinctively band, Ernest, apparently still
that she had some news about unable to believe the horror of

my little girl. *Y. 4*
"I thought she was going to
tell me that she had been hurt,
that she was in an accident or
something. We had been
searching for her all night with-
out success.

"Then she told me the hor-
rible truth. My Valerie was
dead. They had found her body
beside the railroad tracks, a
short distance from our home."

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THUS MRS. LEE, 5013 Jay
St., NE, described how she re-
ceived the first news of the
rape-slaying of her eight-year-
old daughter, Valerie, whose
lifeless body was found in a
clump of woods by school chil-
dren en route to school, last
Thursday morning.

Standing in abject silence, his

the tragedy which had struck
his household.

On the faces of both of the
parents was the unasked ques-
tion for which no one had the
answer—Why?

On the sofa in the first-floor
apartment lay the book of jin-
gles which the little victim had
been reading just before she
left the house after lunch.

The title of the book was
"Day By Day." The child tried
to memorize a little poem each
day. Pencil marks showed she
was halfway through the book.

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THE TITLE, "Day by Day,"
had been important in the life
of Valerie, because in addition
to the book, she had learned a
song by the same name, which
had been featured on a recent
television show by the singer,
"Little Miss Muffet."

Valerie had not only learned
the words, but as was her prac-
tice, she had learned to mimic
all the gestures of the singer.

"She was a great little
mimic," her mother explained,
"and was ever-ready to take
part in a play or concert where
she could utilize her talents."

Her ambition was to become
a dancer. But this, too, came

naturally. Before her marriage her mother, too, had a flare for the artistic.

She was a member of a dancing group, directed by Albert Grayson, which frequently appeared at the Howard Theatre in productions of the New Face Guild, sponsored by the AFRO-AMERICAN.

IN ADDITION to being a little performer in her own right by which she helped to entertain the youngsters of the section, little Valerie was both the sweetheart and the little mother of the neighborhood.

When she was called to baby sit for her own three-year-old sister, Aleane, she would round up other youngsters and look after them as well.

She was a friendly little tyke and made friends all over the neighborhood, always anxious and willing to perform some chore or run an errand for some hard-pressed mother.

Valerie was not a precocious child. She possessed none of the timidity found in some children. She was alert and willing to talk or chat with anybody.

Because she was a friendly child she accepted everybody on a friendly basis. It was perhaps this attitude toward society which led to her destruction.

SOMEONE WITH a smiling face and pleasant voice accosted her as she was en route to school and lured her to her death.

That it was someone she knew, police have no doubt, because the brutal way in which she was stabbed revealed that her assailant, having satisfied his sexual desires was bent only on making it impossible for her to reveal his identity.

Police are also convinced that the attack occurred somewhere right in the immediate vicinity and that the attacker did not possess an automobile.

Two facts point to this. First, if the culprit had lured the child into an automobile, both the assault and the subsequent slaying would have occurred in some other section of the city.

Second, the spot where the body was found was inaccessible to automobile traffic.

THE BODY had to be carried there by hand. That is what adds to the mystery. How could a person have carried the body

of a child to this spot without being seen by someone when the nearest group of houses is less than 100 feet away? Also, the area is constantly being traversed by pedestrians going to and from the stores, night clubs and other establishments in the community.

Police are also convinced that the spot where the body was found was not the scene of the actual crime.

First, because there was no sign of blood around the body which would have been the case had the stabbing taken place at the spot. Second, because the scene was visible from at least 40 windows of houses which face toward the railroad track with people coming and going at all times.

Even a faint outcry could have carried the short distance from the death scene to the nearest household.

THAT IS why police are making a room-by-room canvass of houses, garages, and outhouses throughout the neighborhood.

They feel certain that somewhere in the immediate area they will find evidences of blood which will establish the scene of the crime and eventually lead to the killer.

In the meantime, the once quiet and peaceful Deanwood section lives in a grip of terror. Children are kept in off the streets. Neighbors talk in hushed whispers. Everyone is tense and alert.

In the taverns patrons keep their ears peeled for some unguarded word from a liquor-loosened tongue when the crime is being discussed.

Some person may "know too much."

Police Seize Suspect in Rape Case

GLEN BURNIE, Md., July 26 — A 21-year-old barefoot laborer, found hiding in a cupboard of his home, was arrested yesterday five hours after a 31-year-old mother old police she was raped.

Wilbur C. Wade, chief of Anne Arundel County police, said the woman identified the laborer as her assailant.

The man was held for questioning.

The woman told police she

awakened to find a barefoot man armed with a butcher knife standing beside her bed. She said he threatened to kill her if she did not submit to him.

After the attack, the man took \$11 from her purse and fled, she said.

Her sons, 10 and 12 years old, were asleep in another room, Chief Wade said. The woman's husband had already left for work.

Patrolman Wallace Gole-diewski, after hearing the description she gave, recalled recently seeing a colored man fitting it at a house about a half mile away.

Barbara
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Sat. 7-26-57
BALTIMORE

For the second time within a week, a mild-mannered little girl just turned 14 charged a married man with rape Wednesday afternoon in Northeastern Police Court.

A key figure in the disappearance of four-year-old Sharon Pugh a week ago, the girl, known as Barbara testified that she was criminally assaulted a week before she appeared at the home of another man asking for a place to stay.

In her latest appearance before Magistrate Simon Schonfield, the meek little Babs cast a fleeting glance at Lonnie (John) Shields Jr., 27, of the 700 block N. Eden St., and identified him as the man who abducted her on June 12th.

THE ACCUSED man, termed the accusation "a lie." He was ordered held without bail pending action of the grand jury.

A tall, angular man, Mr. Shields is an unemployed father of two. He was recently released from the House of Correction after serving 14 months for non-support, police said.

His alleged association with the young girl was brought to

the attention of police while she was being questioned about the disappearance of Sharon.

SHARON IS the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pugh of 825 Abbott Court in the Latrobe Housing Project. She disappeared from her home on June 18 and was missing for four days.

Neighbors told police the child was seen going to a grocery store with a girl known as Barbara.

On Friday, police found both girls in the E. Monument St. home of James Ballard, 30, charged with carnal knowledge and released in bail of \$2,000 Monday.

He admitted that when Barbara came to his home looking for a place to stay she said that Sharon was her child.

Barbara told police that while in the Ballard home she was assaulted twice, and that he gave her and the little girl \$1 a day for food.

Sharon, she stated, was never harmed.

Ballard admitted that he had been intimate with the teenager because "she urged it on, and because I thought she was 18."

Mr. Ballard is married and the father of three. His wife expects another baby.

Hearing Set In Assault Case

COLUMBUS, Miss., Jan. 3 (U.P.)—John Cabiness, 39, was held by police today on charges of assault and battery and attempted sodomy against an elderly white woman on a deserted road seven miles west of here.

The victim, Mrs. Lura Sanders, 63, told officers she accepted a ride home from Cabiness at a night spot but he carried her instead to a sideroad and attacked her. The woman claims she was forced to walk nude for two miles in near-freezing weather after he ripped off her clothing and beat her.

Sheriff Robert Jernigan said the woman's body was covered with bruises and scratches. He arrested Cabiness at a Columbus bus station shortly after the incident was reported.

Jernigan said Cabiness was making a long distance telephone call when taken into custody and denied the woman's charges. Her clothes were later found in the car which Cabiness had borrowed from a friend to take her home.

Mrs. Sanders was treated for exposure and shock. A Justice of the Peace hearing was set for Cabiness Monday.

Sheriff Not Alarmed

Sheriff Smith said he was not alarmed by gangs of white men who roamed the city following the last incident Monday night. He said he could call on the National Guard if necessary to maintain order.

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Pattern Similar

Police think the attacks are the work of the same person. All five cases followed a similar pattern with the attacker either choking his victim or brandishing a knife. No attempt at robbery has been made.

The three recent victims gave the same general description. They said he was "very dark," was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, and weighed about 160 to 170 pounds.

Negroes have kept a self-imposed curfew since the attacks Sunday stirred public feeling. One Negro group offered help in capturing the intruder.

'MUMBLER' CHARGED IN CASES OF ASSAULT

Commercial Appeal
Brookhaven Negro Facing

Trial For 3 Attacks

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Feb. 8. —(AP)—Dist. Atty. Mike Carr said Friday he filed two charges of rape and one of attempted rape against J. C. Cameron, a



JAILED AS 'MUMBLER'—Flanked by officers, Negro J. C. Cameron of Brookhaven, Miss., was jailed yesterday and accused of being the "mumbling" Negro responsible for attacks on several white women in Brookhaven. Highway Patrol officers Sam Ivy (left) and Gwen Cole transferred Cameron from Brookhaven to Jackson after his arrest.

21-year-old Negro who admitted attacking three white women in the last two months.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of death. Cameron, a service station operator, said he attacked the women because of uncontrollable urges.

Carr said he also filed charges of accessory after the fact against Cameron's wife, "because she burned his bloody shirt," Cameron's aunt, Minnie Lee Demise, "because she gave his knife to Lillie Walker," and Lillie Walker, a Negro preacher who hid the weapon.

Officers said one of Cameron's victims was stabbed.

All of the charges were filed with Justice of the Peace George Guess, Carr said.

Cameron, in an undisclosed jail, was arrested after officers found his fingerprints matched those found at the scene of one of the rapes. Cameron was fingerprinted during routine questioning earlier this week.

Negro Seized At Brookhaven Admits Assaults Of Women

Commercial Appeal
Tri. 2-8-57 The United States, Tenn.
JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 7.—A Negro man Thursday was arrested with the aid of one fingerprint as the mysterious "mumbler" of Brookhaven, Miss., and police said he admitted a series of attacks on white women.

J. C. Cameron, 21, quiet-spoken service station attendant, readily admitted, officers said, that he criminally assaulted one housewife, attempted to assault a nurse and stabbed another white woman in the city of 8,000 population 54 miles south of Jackson.

He was picked up at the Brookhaven service station where he was known as a "good worker" and was moved immediately to Jackson for further questioning. Formal charges have not been filed.

Denies Two Attacks

Cameron denied two other attacks in the series that plunged Brookhaven into a city of terror. White women would not venture out alone, men armed themselves and more than \$1,000 in reward money was offered after three attacks Sunday and Monday.

He was picked up Sunday and again Wednesday night for questioning, fingerprinted and released.

Thursday, Highway Patrol identification bureau chief Sam Ivy made his customary check of fingerprints and found the one print lifted from the scene of the assault of a housewife last Dec. 18 matched Cameron's.

The slender Negro, dubbed the "mumbler" because of his incoherent talk when he approached his victims, said he waited for two hours in the bathroom of his victim last Dec. 18, until she returned home.

Cameron claimed he criminally assaulted the woman although she denied it.

Enjoys Attention

He also admitted seizing a white nurse in her car Sunday morning at a Brookhaven hospital and stabbing Mrs. Eddy Johnson Sunday night when she struggled with him in the kitchen of her home.

Cameron said he stabbed Mrs. Johnson in the throat because he was "afraid she could identify me."

He denied he confronted another housewife Monday night and a similar attempt when a white woman drove up to a Negro housing project to pick up her maid.

Several times during question-

ing and taking of his confession, Cameron's clear voice lapsed into a mumbling drawl. He seemed to enjoy all the attention from officers and reporters. He was calm throughout questioning and studied each answer before replying.

Other employees of the downtown Brookhaven station where Cameron worked were surprised. "He had not shown any unusual behavior during the scare here," said fellow employee Charles Winborne.

Wife Also Arrested

Cameron's wife was also arrested after he told of returning to his home after stabbing Mrs. John and his wife burned his shirt when she spotted blood stains on it.

Picked up Sunday morning following the attempted assault of the nurse, Cameron was released when an unidentified person at the hospital said Cameron "couldn't have possibly been" the attacker because of the clothing he was wearing.

Public Safety Commissioner Tom Scarbrough, who was on hand to hear the confessions, said the only motive Cameron gave for his attacks was that he "felt the urge."

Cameron's wife was employed as a maid in a home next door to that of Dist. Atty. Mike Carr who headed the investigation along with Brookhaven Police Chief Clyde Coker and Sheriff C. E. Smith.

BROOKHAVEN DOORS BEING KEPT BOLTED

Commercial Appeal
Little Progress Made In

Search For Attacker

Wed. 2-6-57
NEGROES OFFER TO HELP

Memphis Tenn.
By The United Press

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Mississippi Roundup—

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Police think the attacks are the work of the same person. All five cases followed a similar pattern with the attacker either choking his victim or brandishing a knife. No attempt at robbery has been made.

Negroes have kept a self-imposed curfew since the attacks stirred public feeling. One Negro group offered help in apprehending the intruder.



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J. C. CAMERON

James P. Cameron RAPE CHARGES

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Brookhaven Suspect,
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BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Feb. 8

Dist. Atty. Mike Carr said Friday he filed two charges of rape and one of attempted rape against a 21-year-old Negro who reportedly admitted attacking three white women in the last two months.

The charges, which carry a maximum penalty of death in Mississippi, were filed against J. C. Cameron, a slender but broad-shouldered service station operator who said he attacked the women because of uncontrollable urges.

Carr said he also filed charges of accessory after the fact against Mrs. Cameron, "because she burned his bloody shirt," and Cameron's aunt, Minnie Lee Demise, "because she gave his knife to Lillie Walker," and Lillie Walker, a Negro preacher who hid the weapon.

Officers said one of Cameron's victims was stabbed.

All charges were filed with Justice of the Peace George Guess, Carr said.

Cameron, in an undisclosed jail, was arrested after officers found his fingerprints matched those found at the scene of one of the rapes. Cameron was fingerprinted during routine questioning earlier this week.

Mississippi Roundup—

Attack Suspect Sighted, But Escapes In Woods

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About four dozen volunteers carrying assorted firearms joined the posse in the search.

Board wanted the students to attend a school at Burns in Smith County, 11 miles from Polkville.

Negro Youth Held On Five Counts

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Sept. 3

J. C. Cameron, 21-year-old Negro accused of a series of attacks on white women which turned this town into an armed camp early this year, has been indicted on several counts, court officials said today.

Two counts of rape, one of as-

sault with intent to rape, one of assault and one of robbery were returned against the slender, broad-shouldered service station attendant.

Cameron had been dubbed "The Mumbler" because his victims said he mumbled during the attacks. No date was set for his arraignment.

Cameron has been held in the Hinds County jail at Jackson except for a period during which he underwent a mental examination at Whitfield State Mental hospital.

Cameron was arrested on the basis of fingerprints found at the scene of one of the attacks.

The attack victims included one housewife whose throat was cut. She recovered.

NEGRO FARM WORKER HUNTED FOR ASSAULT

White Woman, 60, Claims
She Was Attacked

PITTSBORO, Miss., Aug. 28.—

(UP)—The state Highway Patrol Wednesday brought in bloodhounds to aid in the search for a Negro farm worker who escaped from officers who were attempting to arrest him on a charge of criminally assaulting a white woman.

The woman, about 60, told Sheriff W. J. Shoemaker Wednesday she was assaulted by Vernon Alexander, about 30, in her home Sunday afternoon. Sheriff Shoemaker and a deputy went to a farm near here where Alexander worked and found him in a pea patch.

They took a knife from him and were preparing to handcuff him when he bolted and ran.

The woman told Sheriff Shoemaker she did not report the alleged attack sooner because she was afraid to tell her hus-

band and cause "some bad trouble."

Sheriff Shoemaker said the search would continue through the night. He said that it is believed that the Negro was making his way to the home of his brother at Coffeeville in Yalobusha County. At Greenwood, the Mississippi Highway Patrol reported that more than 20 units were participating in the search.

Assault Trial Is Postponed

McCOMB, Oct. 18 (AP)—The second trial of a 23-year-old white man on charges of criminally assaulting a 21-year-old Negro last year has been postponed until Monday.

Circuit Judge Tom Brady yesterday postponed the trial date for Duroa Duncan of Tylertown to permit subpoena of a Negro witness. However, Judge Brady said the trial would begin Monday whether or not Marvin Williams appeared.

Deputy Sheriff Stanley Boyd told the court yesterday Williams was working out of town and was unavailable.

Duncan's first trial, last March, ended in a mistrial and he was returned to Pike County Jail where he has been since his arrest shortly after the girl was kidnapped from her home and assaulted in the swamps in May, 1956.

Duncan was arrested with his cousin, Olen, also of Tylertown, and their companions, Ernest Dillon, 30, of McComb, and his 45-year old brother Ollie, of Tylertown.

Ernest Dillon was sentenced to 20 years; Olen Duncan was acquitted, and Ollie Dillon was committed to Mississippi State (Mental) Hospital at Whitfield.

Aged Calhoun Woman Claims Raped By Negro

PITTSBORO, Miss. (Special)

Search for an alleged Negro rapist who escaped from a Calhoun county sheriff's posse early Wednesday was being intensified with the aid of Highway Patrol officers and bloodhounds, reports from the Campground neighborhood, 12 miles west of here, said at mid-

morning.

The Negro, named by a 60-year old woman in a complaint made before Justice of the Peace W. S. Malone, had been taken into custody by Sheriff W. J. Shoemaker shortly after 8:30 o'clock, it was reported. He escaped while being brought to the jail here, and disappeared into thick woods.

The rape was said to have taken place Sunday afternoon at the woman's home while her husband was away from the house.

In Jackson, Bill Hood of the Highway Patrol said calls for aid in the search had been received from Sheriff Shoemaker and all available patrolmen were being concentrated in the area, and bloodhounds had been ordered from Parchman to take up the trail.

Hood said the patrol had been informed the attack occurred Wednesday morning.

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2 NEGRO FARM HANDS DENY ENTERING HOME Nude Man Was Frightened

From White Girl's Bed

COLUMBIA, Miss., Feb. 25.

(UP)—Two Negro farmhands denied Monday one of them slipped into a rural home, stripped naked and crawled into bed beside a teenage white girl who routed the intruder with screams.

J. C. McGowan, 21, and A. B. Bullock, 32, were rounded up by a manhunt in rural Walthall and Marion Counties for questioning about the incident at a farm home early Sunday. McGowan contended here that Bullock entered the home while he waited outside.

In Tylertown, however, Deputy Sheriff Ernest Smith said McGowan confessed to the crime to his landlord Sunday night. The two were questioned further in Columbia about the incident by Dist. Atty. Vernon Broome, who said late Monday charges were not expected to be filed before Tuesday.

Bullock claimed he was "in church" when the incident occurred about 2 a.m. Sunday.

McGowan said he was walking along a country road near here when a carload of Negroes pulled up and Bullock got out and accompanied him past the white farmer's house where they decided to enter. McGowan, jailed Sunday night, said Bullock slipped inside by tearing a window screen.

The 14-year-old girl said she awoke when a nude Negro man, lying in bed beside her, pulled on her shoulder.

Her screams brought her father to the room with a gun. The father said the Negro jumped out the window and fled, still nude.

Bloodhounds lost the trail a few miles from the home.

Bullock was arrested at his home in Walthall County Monday after he was implicated by McGowan.

RO SOUGHT IN ATTACK

Man Flees From Bed Of White Girl

Tylertown, Miss., Feb. 24.

(P)—A medium-built Negro from the home of a Walthall

county farmer early Sunday crawling nude into the bed of the farmer's 14-year-old daughter. The farmer said he heard his daughter scream about 2 a.m., grabbed a gun. He said a nude Negro jumped from her bed and went out a window.

A statewide alarm was out for the Negro. Bloodhounds from Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola were put on footprints beneath the window and followed them to a road several miles away where they lost the track.

Deputy Sheriff S. E. Jernigan said the girl reported she awoke when the Negro pulled on her shoulder.

NEGRO TRACKED DOWN

IN NESHOPA ASSAULT

White Woman Says She Was

Held Captive 6 Hours

FEELING RUNS HIGH

By FRED McEACHIN

Special to The Commercial Appeal

PHILADELPHIA, Miss., June 30.—A Neshoba County Negro

bought for the Criminal assault of a white woman near here Saturday afternoon was arrested at Ita Bena Sunday.

Neshoba County Sheriff George W. Herrington identified the assault victim as the 30-year-old wife of a former teacher of the Linwood community near here.

Three Are In Custody

The sheriff identified her attacker as Bish Nash, 52-year-old Negro who lives two miles west of Linwood. Two other Negroes, Bill Burkes, 28, and John Robert Nash, 18, are in Neshoba County Jail for questioning in connection with the incident.

It was reported the assault victim was held captive by Nash about six hours after her auto skidded into a ditch near the Negro's home. She told authorities Nash assaulted her twice during this period.

She said Nash helped get the car out of the ditch and then forced her to ride with him over rural roads from about 1 p.m. Saturday until 7 p.m.

A physician said there was positive evidence she had been assaulted. She was suffering

from severe shock and fright, he said.

An unidentified resident of the community saw the car parked on a gravel road, and when he stopped to investigate Nash jumped out and ran.

Arrested After Tip

Sheriff Herrington received a tip Sunday morning that Nash had fled to Ita Bena. Leflore County Sheriff Charles W. Lee made the arrest.

Sheriff Herrington said he would probably transfer Nash from the Leflore County Jail to an undisclosed jail because of the high feeling in Neshoba County.

As an aftermath to the attack, Bish Nash's home was burned to the ground before dawn Sunday.

Negro Indicted

On Rape Charge

By Hinds Jury

Jackson Negro who recently

was released from the state penitentiary after serving a year for rape was indicted again on another rape charge here Monday.

Carsey Hall, Jr., the son of a Jackson postman and NAACP leader, was indicted by a Hinds County grand jury on a charge of raping a Negro girl.

The grand jury returned eighteen other indictments Monday.

Those indicted included Percy Luster, burglary and larceny; Henry Lee Cook, three counts of burglary and larceny; Frances Ruth Herring, murder; and James Ward, Jr., five counts of burglary and larceny.

Negro Farm Hand

Admits Violating

16-Year-Old Girl

COLUMBUS, Miss. (Special)

Grady Neal, 35, Pickens County, Ala., Negro farm hand, pleaded guilty Thursday to "violating the person" of a 16-year-old Negro girl.

Peace Justice T. H. Cone said.

Cone said Neal allegedly molested the daughter of a Negro woman with whom he was staying July

14. He said an examination showed the child had not been raped.

Cone said he gave Neal a 11-month, 29-day county farm sentence and fined him \$100 on the charge. He said he sent the Negro to 30 days on a vagrancy charge to which he also pleaded guilty.

RAPIST SUSPECT

AGAIN ESCAPES

Man Flushed from Pitts-

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BROOKHAVEN NEGRO

WILL GO ON TRIAL

Case Probably Will Begin

Late This Week

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Sept. 9.—(AP)—J. C. Cameron, young

Negro accused of a series of attacks on white women which turned Brookhaven into an armed camp last February, probably will go on trial Thursday or Friday.

Dist. Atty. Mike Carr confirmed Monday that Cameron was whisked quietly out of the Hinds County jail at Jackson last Friday and brought here for arraignment on all nine counts of indictments returned against him by a grand jury earlier last week.

Cameron pleaded innocent on all nine charges and was quickly returned to the Jackson jail, Mr. Carr said. The charges included three of rape, three of assault with intent to rape, one of attempted rape, and two of assault and battery with intent to kill.

Court appointed defense attorneys are Emmett Allen and Jimmy Noble, both of Brookhaven.

Negro Man Held

For Corn Crib

Rape of Child

MACON, Miss. (UP) — Negro

Rodell Smith, 37, faced charges Friday of raping a four-year-old Negro girl in a cotton crib at her home near Brooksville.

Sheriff Emmett Farrar said Smith signed a statement in the case. He was given a lie detector test at Jackson Thursday.

Officers said the Negro was arrested Sunday following the alleged attack in a cotton crib at the child's home. Four other children, ranging from one to ten years, were at the house at the time.

Defense Opens

Its Testimony

In Rape Case

Defense attorneys for Negro J.C. Cameron today were expected to send several witnesses to the stand as the "mumbler" rape trial resumed in Circuit Court here.

Defense attorneys requested a weekend recess of the trial Saturday following testimony from several state witnesses.

The Rocky Negro service station attendant is charged on nine indictments accusing him of being the attacker who terrorized Brookhaven last winter with a series of attacks on white women.

Cameron faces a possible death sentence if convicted.

The Negro attacker was dubbed the "Mumbler" during the series of attacks because of his habit of talking incoherently to his victims.

Mississippi Roundup—

Negro Worker, Charged In Attack On White Woman, 60, Surrenders

PITTSBORO, Sept. 2 (U.P.)—the state's effort to force a recall election against Prentiss County Sheriff George W. Rutherford Jr. but further delays are probable.

Negro farm worker Vernon Armstrong, object of a four-day manhunt for allegedly assaulting a white woman, gave himself up today.

Sheriff W. J. Shoemaker said Armstrong, about 30, surrendered at the home of a brother whom he sent to inform the sheriff of his whereabouts.

Meanwhile Shoemaker said the 60-year-old alleged victim changed her story and told officers Armstrong only "attempted" to attack her. The manhunt started Wednesday when she complained that Armstrong had attacked her in her home the previous Sunday. She said she did not report it then because she didn't want to cause any trouble.

Shoemaker said Armstrong still was technically charged with assault but there would be no charge of resisting arrest.

He was arrested on an affidavit charging assault, Shoemaker said.

"But I don't think there will be much to it. He is well-liked by the woman's family. They raised him."

Armstrong bolted and ran when officers attempted to arrest him Wednesday in a pea patch. Highway patrolmen and bloodhounds were brought into the search.

Armstrong walked out of his brother's house in the Schooner Community with his arms up at 4:30 a.m. today after the brother, Clinton, turned him in. The fugitive had been shot below the elbow with a .22 caliber rifle by an officer when he bolted into the woods but Shoemaker said the wound was not serious.

Armstrong told Shoemaker he did not know what happened at the woman's house Sunday because he was drunk but he did not think he tried to hurt her because she "was just like a mother."

Armstrong said he had been hiding in the woods and had only two small watermelons to

eat. "I was mighty humble," Shoemaker said. "He said he had been trying to find a way to turn himself in to me."

Officers Think Rape Suspect Wounded; Search Resumed

PITTSBORO, Miss. (Special)—Bloodhounds trotting ahead of them, armed searchers resumed today their search for a Negro accused of raping a 60-year-old white woman. They believed the Negro may have been wounded Wednesday.

"I thought I killed him but the son-of-a-gun got to his feet and ran into the high corn," said Deputy Sheriff Grover L. Carter in describing the fugitive's break for freedom.

Carter and Sheriff W. J. Shoemaker went to the Monroe Willis farm about 12 miles west of here Wednesday to arrest 33-year-old Vernon Armstrong. The white woman told officers earlier in the day that Armstrong raped her last Sunday.

"When I reached into my pocket to get the handcuffs, he broke and ran," Carter said. "The sheriff fired at him. When he kept running, I fired at him, and he fell."

The deputy said "I still think he's wounded."

Bloodhounds brought from Parchman State Penitentiary traced Armstrong to the brushy bottomlands of the Skuna River about 12 miles west of here.

They lost the trail about sundown Wednesday after tracking the fugitive about three miles down the river which he is believed to have swum.

Carter said 40 to 50 volunteers armed with shotguns, rifles and pistols joined sheriff's officers and highway patrolmen in the search. He said patrolmen searched "all the houses around here."

Justice of Peace W. S. Malone said the woman, accompanied by her husband, came to his office and signed a complaint saying Armstrong attacked her while the husband was away from the house. She reportedly said she did not tell about the attack earlier out of fear of causing trouble.



DESCRIBES BREAK-AWAY

Willie Berry, 47 (right) who was plowing in a field on the Monroe Willis farm in the Camp Ground community near Calhoun City Wednesday with accused rapist Vernon Armstrong when sheriff's officers arrived to arrest the Negro describes how the suspect broke away from Sheriff W. J. Shoemaker and Deputy Grover L. Carter.

NEGRO HUNT BEGINS AFTER ATTACK FAILS

Commercial Appeal
Young White Nurse Balks

Man's Advances
Men 2-11-57
BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Feb. 3.

(UP)—An unidentified Negro man attempted to assault a young white nurse here Sunday morning, and a countywide search was begun for him.

Officers said the victim was accosted as she left the King's Daughters' Hospital about 7 a.m. after working an overnight shift. She said she noticed the Negro approaching her as she entered her automobile, parked a short distance from the hospital.

Before she could start her car and drive away the Negro reportedly reached through a window and grabbed her. He finally fled after the frightened girl told him another nurse was coming and then leaned on her car horn.

The nurse was taken to her home in Wesson after failing to identify several suspects. Bloodhounds were sent from the Louisiana state prison farm at Angola to aid in the search for the Negro.

Negro jailed;
two point him
out as attacker
Mon. 2-11-57
Brookhaven, Miss.

BROOKHAVEN, Miss., Feb. 11—(AP)—J. C. Cameron, 21-year-old Negro, was held in an undisclosed jail today after two white women pointed him out as the man who attacked them.

cutting another white woman's throat because of what he called uncontrollable urges to attack white women. The cutting victim was reported still in critical condition.

Dist. Atty. Mike Carr charged Cameron with two counts of rape and one of attempted rape. Two of the assaults occurred last week in Brookhaven.

Carr also charged Cameron's wife, his Aunt Minnie Lee Denise, and Negro Preacher "Mother" Little Walker with being accessories after the fact of rape by hiding and destroying evidence.

Mississippi Roundup—

Negro Attack Suspect Sought
Mon. 2-3-57
BROOKHAVEN, Feb. 4 (U.P.)

More than 30 officers today made a methodical search of the Brookhaven area, picking up numbers of Negro suspects in the stable and white house where an assault attempt on a white nurse in separate incidents Sunday.

"They must have questioned a couple of hundred today," police officers said. "But so far there have been no charges filed and no identification made."

One of the victims, Mrs. Eddy Johnson, was reported in improved condition with a partially severed jugular vein. She said a young Negro man attacked her with a knife in her kitchen Sunday night and left her lying in a pool of blood.

Several hours earlier, a Negro attacked a young white nurse, Mrs. Polly Hales, at King's Daughters' Hospital as she entered her car after working a night shift. She managed to wrench loose, lean on her horn and frighten him away.

Sheriff Carnie Smith said it was assumed that the same person was involved in both attacks but authorities were not sure about that. The Sunday morning assailant wore an Eisenhower jacket and was described as "very dark."

Mrs. Johnson said the man she surprised in her kitchen wore a plaid shirt, was about five feet eight inches tall and weighed between 160 and 170 pounds.

The Sunday attacks followed assaults of two other white women here in the past three

months. A prominent white woman said she was assaulted by a Negro in her home and a few days later another woman said a Negro attacked her as she drove into a Negro area but her screams frightened him away. Smith said all four attacks could have been committed by the same person.

Negro Jailed
As Attack
Suspect Free
Post-Herald
June 6-11-57

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NO TRIAL PLANNED
ON ASSAULT CHARGE
Memphis Press
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Lack Of Evidence
June 6-11-57

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Is Negro Really Guilty Of Crimes At Sikeston?

Was it actually a Negro who shot and killed young John Malugen, in Sikeston, Mo., last Saturday night?

The regrettable slaying of the 18-year-old Charleston high school football star has touched off racial incidents in the Southeast Missouri area, has resulted in the arrest and subsequent release of 10 Negro men and has touched off student demonstrations at high schools in both Sikeston and Charleston.

Miss June Castleberry, 18-year-old girl friend of the slain youth, told police that the man who killed Malugen also criminally assaulted her. She told authorities that the assailant was a Negro. But when she viewed nine suspects picked up by the police Monday night, she was unable to make an identification.

Police of Sikeston now say that they have no further clues to the identity of the slayer.

Could Miss Castleberry be mistaken about the racial identity of the man who killed her friend and raped her? Perhaps he was not a Negro at all. Similar mistakes have occurred in the past.

In order to delve further into the case and to bring to public attention as much information as can be gathered, THE CALL is sending two reporters to the Sikeston-Charleston area to investigate the situation.

Miss Erma Jean Wiley and James C. Brown, reporters, are in Southeast Missouri now. Their findings will be reported in next week's CALL.

A 61-year-old Sikeston Negro, Claude Lightsey who was arrested Sunday in connection with the rape-slaying, was released Monday when a lie detector test showed that he had nothing to do with the crime.

Lightsey, frightened beyond words, was arrested after reports were received that he had been seen near the place where the two young people were attacked. The suspect was taken to Jefferson City to avert possible mob violence and there was given a lie detector test. Lightsey's apparent innocence in the case was announced by Col.

Hugh Waggoner, head of the Missouri state highway patrol, Col. Waggoner said that he has 20 state troopers patrolling the Charleston-Sikeston area to guard against possible disturbances.

Funeral services for young Malugen were to be held Wednesday

at Charleston. The Charleston schools were closed for the rites. Students of Sikeston high school, where Miss Castleberry is a senior, demonstrated in front of the school Monday morning.

About 40 white children refused to attend classes with Negro students.

There are fewer than 20 Negroes in a student body of some 675 where the high school is in the second year of integration.

A house-to-house search of a Negro subdivision in Sikeston was conducted Sunday by Scott county deputies and state police.

Malugen was shot to death as he sat in his automobile at 10 p.m. The girl told police the man appeared "out of the darkness" and approached the car. Malugen opened the door of the car and ordered the man to leave.

She said the assailant fired without warning. Malugen collapsed over the steering wheel. The girl said the man then pulled her from the car and threatened: "I'll kill you like I just killed your boy friend."

The girl said the man then pulled her out of the car, dragged her across a cotton field and attacked her on the porch of a vacant house.

She said she broke away and fled to a grade crossing where she was picked up by a motorist.

She quoted the man as saying he was headed for St. Louis, about 200 miles away.

Feeling also ran high in nearby Charleston, where Malugen had captained the football team.

Youth Is Shot, Girl Attacked

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 6 (AP)—A high school football player was shot to death and his teen-aged girl friend raped last night by a man who assaulted them in their parked car.

the state highway patrol made a house-to-house search of a residential area for the man described as a Negro, stout and bareheaded.

An 18-year-old girl of Sikeston told authorities the man walked up to the car in which she and John Malugen, 18-year-old high school football player, were listening to the radio.

She said Malugen told him to get away. He retreated a few steps, pulled a pistol and fired, striking the youth in the chest. Malugen managed to start the car before collapsing.

The girl said she tried to get behind the wheel, but the man jerked her out of the car, through a cotton field and raped her on the porch of an empty house.

The girl said she broke away and ran to a grade crossing where she was picked up by passing motorists.

Authorities found Malugen slumped over the wheel of his car. He had bled to death. The youth, whose parents live at Potosi, Mo., had been staying with a sister at Charleston, Mo.

Segregation Call Follows Rape Slaying

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 7 (AP)—Demonstrating students today increased tension of a growing search for the man who killed an 18-year-old high school football player Saturday night and then raped his girl friend. Two Negroes were held for questioning.

The State Highway Patrol called out more troopers, equipped with tear gas guns and other riot equipment, as a group of high school students both here and at Charleston refused to attend classes and put on a marching, cat-calling demonstration at Charleston, where the boy was a student.

About 60 of the 675 high school students here and about 100 of the 350 at Charleston refused to attend classes unless Negro students were excluded. Superintendents at both schools told the demonstrators

classes would be run as usual. The school here was integrated three years ago and the one at nearby Charleston two years ago.

All but two of the 18 Negro students here were reported in their classes and at least four of the six Negro students at Charleston attended.

About 25 high school youngsters gathered at one time in front of the Sikeston jail but there was no disorder.

Lt. Eldridge F. Dampf of the Highway patrol said one of the men under arrest was Claude Lacksley, 61-year-old Sikeston handy-man.

The name of the other man was not disclosed.

Victim of the shooting was John Malugen, who lived at Charleston, Mo., 14 miles east of Sikeston.

Police said 18-year-old June Castleberry of Sikeston told them she and Malugen were parked on a country road when a Negro approached the car.

She related Malugen told the man to move on but he pulled a gun and fired, hitting Malugen in the chest. Miss Castleberry said the Negro then dragged her from the car and attacked her.

GIRL CLEARS NEGRO IN ASSAULT, SLAYING

Not The One, Says Student

At Charleston School
NEW CLAIM CALLED HOAX

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.—A 27-year-old Negro, jailed for questioning Friday in the fatal shooting of a Charleston, Mo., High School football star and the criminal assault of his date, was absolved Friday night by the girl who was attacked.

St. Louis police reported the girl, a student at Sikeston, Mo., High School, said the Negro "was not the one" who killed John Malugen, 18, and assaulted her Saturday night in a farm lane near Sikeston.

Scratches Caused Arrest

Lt. Col. James E. Chapman, chief of St. Louis detectives, said

the Negro was arrested because of scratches on his neck. The girl said she scratched her attacker about the face and neck. The Negro also took a lie detector test which proved negative. Police said he told them he was the victim of a strong arm robbery over the week end which caused the scratches.

Meanwhile, at Charleston, state and city police branded as a "hoax" the reported attempted attack on a 13-year-old girl near Wyatt Tuesday night. The girl had reported a Negro ripped off her blouse.

Negroes Arrive In Taxis

White students at the integrated Charleston High School have staged demonstrations against Negro students during the week and Friday the Negroes came to school in taxis.

One Negro student, 17-year-old Katie Davis, found a doll effigy in her locker hanging by a piece of twine. It bore an inscription advising her to return to Lincoln School, the town's Negro school. She said she had no intention of withdrawing.

Principal H. C. Williams said Friday a Negro boy, 18-year-old Louis Craft, informed him he planned to withdraw to re-enter Lincoln School. One had previously announced that intention.

2 Men Arrested In Slaying Rape

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 7 (AP)—Police arrested two men last night and spirited them away for questioning about the Saturday night slaying of an 18-year-old high school football player and the rape of his girl friend.

More than 100 possemen fanned out through the Southeast Missouri delta country in a day-long manhunt yesterday, setting up roadblocks and searching Negro settlements house to house. Both the arrested men are Negroes.

About 25 high school youngsters gathered at one time in front of the Sikeston Jail, but there was no disorder.

Handy Man Held

Lt. Eldridge F. Dampf of the Missouri Highway Patrol said one of the men under arrest was Claude (Bootmouth) Lacksley, 61-year-old Sikeston handy man.

He said Lacksey was questioned at Poplar Bluff, 51 miles

west of Sikeston, and then taken to patrol headquarters at Jefferson City for lie detector tests today.

The name of the other man was not disclosed. Lt. Dampf said he was a friend of Lacksey and was picked up for questioning about a .32-caliber pistol.

Parked on Country Road

Victims of the shooting was John Malugen, who lived at Charleston, Mo., 14 miles east of Sikeston.

Police said 18-year-old June Castleberry of Sikeston told them she and young Malugen were parked on a country road just outside Sikeston when a Negro approached the car.

She related young Malugen told the man to move on but he pulled a gun and fired. Hitting the youth in the chest. Miss Castleberry said the gunman dragged her from the car across a cotton field to the porch of a vacant house and attacked her.

New incident in kill-attack area fans race tension

SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 6 (AP)—Reported attack on a 13-year-old girl heightened racial tension in the Southeast Missouri delta country again today. Authorities continued their search for the slayer of a high school football star.

Police said the girl told of being seized by a Negro man as she and an 11-year-old companion were riding their bicycles in Wyatt, Mo., 20 miles east of Sikeston.

The older girl's blouse was torn off but they were not otherwise molested. The Missouri Highway Patrol dispatched troopers to Wyatt. About 100 persons gathered outside a gymnasium at the edge of Wyatt's Negro district.

AUTHORITIES meantime offered a \$500 reward for help in tracking down the slayer of John Malugen, 19, a high school senior at Charleston, Mo., 14 miles east of Sikeston.

Malugen was slain Saturday night while he and Miss June Castleberry, 18, of Sikeston were parked in a lovers' lane. Police said Miss Castleberry told them the Negro gunman dragged her across a cotton field and raped her.

RAPE-SLAYING STIRS PROTEST ON INTEGRATION

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Sikeston, Mo., Jan. 7 (Special)—State troopers equipped with riot arms were sent to this area to cope with mounting tension today as about 160 boys classes would be held as high school students in two towns over the slaying of a young football star and the raping of his girl friend.

With a Negro sought as the slayer-rapist, racial integra-



tion in the schools here and at Charleston, 14 miles to the east, was the target of the demonstrators. Two men are being held for questioning.

Victim of the Saturday night shooting was John Malugen, 18, a Charleston High school student. His 18 year old companion is a high school student here. She said a man came up to their car, parked on a country road near here, and shot Malugen, then dragged her to a vacant house in a cotton field and raped her.

160 Boycott Classes

About 100 of the 350 high school students at Charleston and about 80 of the 675 students here refused to attend classes today unless Negro students were excluded.

They put on marching, cat-calling demonstrations at both schools. About a score of students from Charleston came here. They shouted epithets at white students who went to classes.

Several autos filled with adults headed here from Char-

leston but were turned back by police.

Most of Negroes Attend

The school here was integrated three years ago. All except two of the 18 Negro students at Sikeston were reported in their classes. At the Charleston school, which was integrated two years ago, at least four of the six Negro pupils attended.

Superintendents at both this area to cope with mounting tension today as about 160 boys classes would be held as high school students in two towns over the slaying of a young football star and the raping of his girl friend.

Fifteen more troopers, in addition to the half a dozen state policemen stationed here regularly, were ordered into the area. They were armed with tear gas guns and other riot equipment. Col. Hugh H. Waggoner, superintendent of the patrol, also placed other reinforcements on an alert basis.

Posse Hunts Killer

More than 100 possemen yesterday fanned out thru southeast Missouri in a day long hunt for the killer. They set up road blocks and conducted a house to house search of Negro settlements. Following the arrest of two men for questioning, about 25 high school students gathered in front of the Sikeston jail but no violence occurred.

Girl Clears Suspect

In Assault, Slaying

A 21-year-old Negro, jailed at St. Louis for questioning in the fatal shooting of a Charleston, Mo., High School football star and the criminal assault of his date, was absolved by the girl who was attacked.

St. Louis police reported the girl, a student at Sikeston, Mo., High School, said the Negro "was not the one" who killed John Malugen, 18, and assaulted her on the night of Jan. 5 in a farm home near Sikeston.

White students at the integrated Charleston High School staged demonstrations against Negro students during the week and Friday the Negroes came to school in taxis.

One Negro student, 17-year-old Katie Davis, found a doll effigy

in her locker hanging by a piece of twine. It bore an inscription advising her to return to Lincoln School, the town's Negro school. She said she had no intention of withdrawing.

Sikeston Clues Grow Dimmer

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Every Suspect

Arrested Freed After Quizzing

By ERMA WILEY and JAMES BROWN

SIKESTON, Mo. — Seven distraught looking men who appeared to be in the age ranges of 25 to 45 were sitting on a long bench in the makeshift city police headquarters of Sikeston, which is located just off one of the main thoroughfares leading out of the city toward Memphis, U. S. Highway 61.

The men were here as the result of a police roundup aimed at finding the assailant of an 18-year-old white girl, and the slayer of her boy friend.

None of the men, was told specifically by the police why he was being arrested and during the time THE CALL reporters were at headquarters, all of them just sat there looking out in space. The expressions on their faces seemed to ask, "Why am I here and will I soon be released?"

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Don't Think Negro Guilty

After talking with Chief of Police Arthur Bruce the CALL reporters concluded that a Negro did not kill John Malugen and rape his companion, June Castleberry. We have definite reasons for arriving at this end.

With the efforts put forth by officials, a Negro, guilty of the crime would have been captured no later than Sunday night. An intense manhunt was staged in Sunset edition, the Negro community, and approximately 600 homes were searched. No Negroes were allowed to enter the area nor could a Negro leave. Roadblocks were set up and all trains, buses and taxicabs were searched.

Troopers continually circled the Negro area. The names of any Negro who did not report to work after the offense were turned over

to the police. Anybody and everybody who looked suspicious were questioned, but they all were released.

Talked Like Negro

The girl first said her attacker was a colored man because he "talked like a Negro." A day later she came up with a description. This time she said the man was about 30-years old, nearly 5'9", not too dark and not too light, 160 pounds and his hair was close-cropped. It is questionable why the girl wasn't given a lie detector's test. None of this could be

determined in a pitch dark place alone. Another fact revealed is that she was out trysting with a boy from a nearby town when sailant's face. The first seven men she has a boy friend in Sikeston. arrested had no scratches. A 27-year-old St. Louis man was questioned because he had facial scars that some one other than a Negro committed the crimes, thereby permitting the real criminal to make a clear getaway or stick there with well covered tracks.

We talked with several men who had lived in Sikeston nearly all of their lives. All of them said they hadn't missed anyone and doubted if any of the men would commit such crimes.

Three Other Cars

At the time of the offense there were three other vehicles parked in the "lovers lane" at the same time. A truck was occupied by William F. Cotton, and an unidentified Negro woman. Cotton said he heard a girl's voice but could not determine if she was screaming or talking loud. White students occupied another car and they told police they saw a Negro running across the stubbled cotton patch. Neither of them were able to give any description of the Negro. "Why didn't Cotton see a Negro?"

Police officials say they have been unable to locate the third car. Why? Miss Castleberry should have been able to describe the car although she didn't see fit to run to one of the vehicles following her alleged assault. Rather than seek help in one of these cars, Miss Castleberry ran about two blocks, to the railroad crossing and got in a car there.

No Statement From The Girl

If the case is as baffling to them as the officials would have us believe, why hasn't someone other than a Negro been questioned? Why can't the girl's actual statements be produced in black and white. The chief of police admitted that he hadn't taken any statement from the girl.

Below are two more important elements that the police failed to discuss with us or throw any light upon!

(1) A couple sitting in a tryst-

ing place similar to this one would normally sit in their auto with the car locked and the lights out. If any one approached the vehicle they would straighten up from any compromising position and hope the person continues on away from them. It is rather unusual for the man to jump from the auto into the dark on a stranger. Then, too, if it appears the passerby is headed for the vehicle normally the driver would turn on the headlights or start up his motor and attempt a getaway.

(2) It was pretty hard for the girl to determine whether the person was a Negro from his voice alone. Another fact revealed is that she was out trysting with a boy from a nearby town when sailant's face. The first seven men she has a boy friend in Sikeston. arrested had no scratches. A 27-year-old St. Louis man was questioned because he had facial scars that some one other than a Negro committed the crimes, thereby permitting the real criminal to make a clear getaway or stick there with well covered tracks.

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OLD BAKER'S PLACE.—The porch of this house, just off of Compress Road in Sikeston, Mo., is where 18-year-old June Castleberry said she was criminally assaulted after her companion, John Malugen, was slain. The shack, located on Old Baker's place, is occupied by a sharecropper, Harry Fox, and his young niece. Sikeston police arrested Fox and the woman in the hope they may throw some light on the identity of the person who would take liberty to use their property.

Doubt Negro Committed Crimes In Sikeston, Mo.

By ERMA WILEY
and
JAMES BROWN

He talked like a Negro." That appears to be the strongest evidence that Miss June Castleberry of Sikeston, Mo., has that the man who killed her companion, John Malugen, and raped her was a Negro.

She did not get a good look at the man. She did not see her assailant's face.

TWO CALL reporters, who spent two days in Sikeston and Charleston, Mo., this week investigating the disturbances which followed the slaying of Malugen Saturday night, Jan. 5, returned to the city with the firm conviction that the man who committed the crimes in southeast Missouri was not a Negro.

This week Sikeston police and Missouri state troopers continue the unjust and one-sided search to capture a Negro for the crimes. Although the first suspect, Claude "Bootmouth" Lightsey, was proved innocent by the lie detector test, he was jailed on a minor gambling charge.

shot with a .32 caliber pistol. The bullet entered his left arm and pierced his chest.

When police and hospital authorities were able to get the girl quieted down, she told them that she and Malugen had been sitting in the auto, in the Compress road area, listening to the radio.

Heard Someone Coming

The girl said she saw the image of a man approaching the car and told her boy friend, "someone was coming." According to June, the boy jumped out of the car and ordered the man to leave. She said the man took one step back, pulled his gun and fired once. The victim said her boy friend got back into the car and attempted to drive off when he slumped over the wheel.

Miss Castleberry said this is when "the Negro" opened the door on the right and dragged her to an adjacent cotton patch and attempted to assault her. When the man was unsuccessful, the girl said he dragged her about 100 yards to the front porch of a Springer said they came to his sharecropper's shack and there raped her. She said she struggled with him, scratching him in the face. When he finished the act the girl said he let her go with the warning that if she told anybody, he would kill her too.

When the police learned this and ascertained from her that it must have been a Negro because "he talked like one," Chief of Police Arthur Bruce organized a posse, which included two Negroes, Walker Griffin and Walter Robinson, former policemen; some deputy sheriffs plus state troopers to search every home in Sunset addition. Bruce referred to the area as "colored town" because all the Negroes in Sikeston live there.

Community Sealed Off

This community was sealed off from Sunday morning, shortly after midnight, until 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. No one was permitted to leave or enter the community without permission from the chief and after being questioned as to his whereabouts, the night before. Railroad and bus authorities were alerted to search all conveyances, for a Negro who may have left Sikeston or the area from 8:00 p.m. on.

"Bootmouth," who lives on Feller St., was the first major suspect of the case. He was arrested on the tip of Harry Fox. The house where the girl was supposed to have been raped is occupied by Fox and his young niece. Police said Fox told them he saw "Bootmouth" leaving the area as he

was coming home from the the- to headquarters for questioning. As a rule Sikeston is quiet, a most too quiet for a town of 12,000 people. Quite noticeable were the state troopers who continuously circled Sunset addition. It was not until the false alarm from Gilmora, believed they might know some Negro who would take liberty to use their premises for such a purpose.

Henry Taylor, a youthful taxi cab driver, was arrested because police learned that he knew the girl at the Sikeston high school where he was graduated last year. He was released when his alibi stood up. An unnamed suspect, considered a floater because he did not live in Sikeston, was arrested and questioned three times before he was allowed to leave the place for home.

No Search Warrants

Negro residents of Sikeston said not once did the police produce a search warrant after barging into the girl said he dragged her about 100 yards to the front porch of a Springer said they came to his sharecropper's shack and there raped her. She said she struggled with him, scratching him in the face. When he finished the act the girl said he let her go with the warning that if she told anybody, he would kill her too.

The principal and teachers of Lincoln elementary school, an all-Negro school, corroborated the ruthless tactics used by police in the intensive manhunt. Most of the people in Sunset addition refused to talk to the reporters. They appeared frightened and would refer the two to the local paper.

When law enforcement officers failed to track down a 'guilty' Negro, a request was made to employers to turn in names of any colored man who failed to report to work after the incident. Checks were made of the men who have worked recently on the land where the offense occurred. Public speeches were delivered.

Sheriff John Dennis, of Pemiscot county, had this to say: "I feel certain that some of our colored citizens do have information about this case which would be of importance in finding this wanted man and I urge all our colored residents not to be afraid to speak. You will be protected and your name kept secret. No matter how little information you may have it could help."

Reward to \$1200

Bruce theorized that the reward money, now totalling over \$1200, would entice some Negro to talk. William Pegues, a Negro cab driver, said police tried to get

him to bring all his passengers to headquarters for questioning. As a rule Sikeston is quiet, a most too quiet for a town of 12,000 people. Quite noticeable were the state troopers who continuously circled Sunset addition. It was not until the false alarm from Gilmora, believed they might know some Negro who would take liberty to use their premises for such a purpose.

Believed Story Made Up

Authorities believe the girl made up the story to avoid discipline at home. As word of this outrage spread carloads of angry adults drove into Wyatt and filled the parking space around the gin. Demonstrations were curbed by a heavy rain. The girl was uninjured. Following the Wyatt story the white students attempted to prevent the Negroes from attending classes at Charleston. The acts by students were soon stopped.

In Charleston, Mo., where the slain boy was an outstanding athlete and captain of the football team, the tension was greatest. H. C. Williams, when questioned by CALL reporters, said, "What more can you expect when a Negro kills your star football player?" J. H. Marshall, school superintendent, sanctioned his statement. The students who took part in the demonstration were allowed to make up their classes and none were punished or even talked to.

Targets of the violent demonstrations were three seniors, Louis Craft 18, Patricia Montjoy 16, Mabel Bradford 17, and Katie Davis 17, a junior. As Craft attempted to enter the school, a crowd of white boys pushed him and ordered him to go home. Craft remained at school all morning but did not return to school Thursday morning.

Patricia and Mabel told the CALL that the students stood around blocking the door and yelling in rhythm, "Nigger, go home—nigger go home; you're not wanted here." Pat said one boy kicked her in the presence of a patrolman, who did nothing. Very firmly she told the boy, "I enrolled here in September and I intend to be here until May. If you don't want to go to school with me, you go home."

Katie said when she got off a school bus, she found a group of white girls blocking the door and refusing her admittance. Katie also complained that one of her teachers took the white students out of the room into the hall and left her in the room alone.

She said the teacher told her to draw her chair near the door if she wanted to hear. She also said that after reporting that a boy had hit her with a piece of paper to the superintendent, he said, "As long as your arm is not broken or something like that, it's better to keep quiet."

In some classes, the students wait until the last bell rings to enter. Some white students when passing a Negro will hold their noses and say, "Whew, I smell something."

J. H. Marshall, superintendent of schools, and H. C. Williams, principal, said they are doing everything possible to curb the incidents. Marshall said he as condoned the trouble Wednesday morning was a result of the alleged attack at Wyatt.

The NAACP branch at Charleston, headed by Marshall Currin, has done nothing in regard to police tactics in Sikeston. However the branch provided transportation to and from the school for the Negro students during the critical periods.

We left Sikeston last Thursday and were confident that the police were looking "on the wrong side of the tracks" for the man who raped Miss Castleberry.

Assault-Murder By Negro Spurs Missouri Search

Special to The Commercial Appeal
SIKESTON, Mo., Jan. 6.—A widespread search Sunday failed to locate a Negro who shot and killed a popular high school football player and criminally assaulted his girl companion Saturday night in a secluded section in Sikeston.

John Malugen, 18-year-old captain and fullback of the Charleston, Mo., football team last season, was killed when he warned the Negro to get away from his car, parked on a field road near the Frisco Railway tracks.

It was the third time a Negro has accosted persons in the same darkened area in about two-and-a-half months. His companion, also 18, of Sikeston, told officers, she and young Malugen were listening to the car radio when the Negro approached at 10:15 p.m. She said her date told him to leave, but the Negro retreated a few steps, pulled a pistol and fired.

Mr. Malugen was struck in the chest, but managed to start the

car before collapsing.

The girl said she tried to get behind the wheel, but the Negro jerked her from the car, dragged her through a cotton field and attacked her on the front porch of a Negro home. No one was at home at the time.

She said she broke away finally, and ran to a grade crossing about a mile away, where she was picked up by a passing motorist.

Police, who found Mr. Malugen slumped over the steering wheel, said he bled to death. The girl was dismissed after treatment at Missouri Delta Community Hospital.

Authorities said the Negro was dressed in dark clothing, was stout and wore no hat.

Police Chief Arthur Bruce said about 75 police, county officers and state highway patrolmen had taken part in the search for the attacker. A house-to-house canvass of Negro homes in the area was completed Sunday morning. All exits from this Southeast Missouri city were blocked until 9:30 a.m., and all incoming and outgoing vehicles examined.

Chief Bruce said an 18-year-old Negro girl was criminally assaulted less than three months ago in the vicinity of the Saturday night tragedy. While officers were searching for the Negro attacker, he stopped a car carrying a white couple. The couple jumped from the car and were fired on as they ran. The Negro drove away in the auto and abandoned it about five minutes later.

"We think it may be the same Negro involved in all three incidents," Chief Bruce said. No suspects have been jailed.

Mr. Malugen, a high school senior, was unable to play much football last season because of injuries. He was making his home at Charleston with his sister, Mrs. Raymond Venson, while he completed high school studies. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guffrie Malugen, moved from Charleston to Potosi, Mo., about a year ago.

Mr. Malugen was born at Carruthersville. He was a Baptist.

He leaves his parents; another sister, Mrs. Norman Blair of Potosi; and four brothers, Guffrie Malugen Jr., Wayne Malugen and Warren Malugen, all of Potosi, and James Malugen of Sherman, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 Tuesday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Charleston. The Rev. D. B. Bledsoe will officiate. Burial will be in Oddfellows Cemetery there, with Nunnelee Funeral Home in charge.

Pinning It On A Negro

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It is not necessary to condone crimes by Negroes or to deny that segregation has taught and encouraged Negroes to commit more crimes than white people, to take a "show me" attitude toward some crimes when first reported as committed by Negroes. As a historical fact, the records show, for instance, that there have been cases where white women have charged "rape" against a Negro when the truth was otherwise. Pinning a crime on a Negro is something that has happened before, when not true, and it will doubtless be tried again from time to time. The Negro is an easy target for those seeking such a target.

Considerations like these caused Buddy Lonesome, associate editor of the St. Louis Argus, to go to Sikeston, Missouri, to look personally into the case where a young white girl has charged that a Negro murdered her white boy friend and subsequently raped her.

In his first report of his findings Mr. Lonesome says at the outset: "The Negroes in this Southern Missouri town believe that the real story of the murder of an 18-year-old football star and the reported rape of his attractive 18-year-old date—has not been told." This first report also called attention to the "search party that roamed through the homes in the Negro section of Sikeston at will searching for the reported killer." This, of course, is in line with traditional "pinning it on a Negro" acties.

Besides, Sikeston had successfully and harmoniously desegregated its schools, and Mr. Lonesome found Negro residents naturally suspicious of what some white hoodlums might do to discredit desegregation in the town. Under all these circumstances, nobody should jump at any conclusions until all the facts are in. Things have been pinned on innocent Negroes before. There is always present in such situations the possibility of a repeat performance.

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NEW YORK

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Ailing woman, 71, sex attack victim

NEW YORK — A 71-year-old ailing woman was admitted to Harlem Hospital last week suffering from shock and bruises after she had been raped allegedly by a white man.

According to police reports, a neighbor heard screams from Mrs. Robert Jones' apartment at the 200 block of E. 126th St. and ran to the door and found a white man.

The man, who identified himself to police as Donald Van Horn, of Columbus, Ohio, is being held on \$10,000 bail pending grand jury action on a criminal attack charge.

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Rape Case Near Wallace; Negro Suspect Being Held

WALLACE, March 31—Feeling was running high here tonight after a 47-year-old woman from near Wallace was beaten and raped early this morning at her home where she lived alone.

Mrs. Mary Lou Carter, who lives four miles north of Wallace on highway 11, identified from her hospital bed her assailant as Percy Faison, a Negro man who lives nearby. He is being held in the county jail at Kernansville.

Claimed Alibi.

Sheriff Ralph Miller said Faison claims to have witnesses who will testify that he was not in the neighborhood at the time, however.

"She identified him at the hospital," the sheriff said. "But she has a fractured skull and there could be a mistake." He said the investigation is being continued.

Mrs. Carter told officers the man entered her dining room window. She said she shot above his head with a .410 gauge shotgun. The man then hit her, she said, tied her hands and assaulted her.

Calls Brother

After the man left, she said she freed one hand and managed to get to the phone to call her brother, Bennie Teachey, who notified the sheriff. The sheriff estimated the time of assault at 1:30 a.m. He was called at 4:30 a.m.

Mrs. Carter was first taken to Duplin Hospital in Kenansville. She was later moved to James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington where she was operated on for a fractured skull.

The sheriff's office tonight reported her condition as fair. FBI agents are assisting in the investigation.

Widow Raped Near Sims; Police Search For Man

WILSON, April 30—Wilson County officers were still searching tonight for a Negro man who raped and brutally beat a young widow near Simms.

Mrs. Marjorie Sanders, 25, and mother of one child, was "definitely sexually assaulted," Dr. Badie T. Clark of the Carolina General Hospital said today. He also said the woman had a black eye, bruises on her chest and thighs, and finger marks on her neck.

Officers said the attack occurred yesterday when Mrs. Sanders went to a wooded area back of her house to empty some garbage. She told officers she fainted when the man jumped her while her back was turned.

When officers arrived, they found the woman hysterical. Her clothes were ripped to shreds. She was described as being about five feet, six inches in height and weighing around 140 pounds. She lived in a small rural house with her child and Juanita Purdue.

Officers are using bloodhounds in the search that continued throughout today. Wilson County Sheriff J. W. Thompson said the FBI is assisting in the investigation.

Mrs. Sanders was the second assault victim in this area in less than two months.

On March 5, Mrs. Myra Manning, 43, of near Bailey, was murdered by Johnnie D. Knight, Jr., 29-year-old deaf mute Negro, when she resisted his advances. Knight admitted the slaying, and is now in State Prison awaiting trial.

NEGRO MAN HELD IN ASSAULT CASE

Bladen County White Woman Claims Man Raped Her In Bedroom

By MOTTE GRIFFITH JR.

CLARETON, Aug. 18—A 29-year-old Negro man was lodged in Bladen County jail today on charges of assaulting a 29-year-old white mother of two children.

The attack occurred early today at the Hester home some two miles from here, police said. Clean Burney was arrested in a wooded area near here after he fled when officers attempted to question him concerning the alleged assault.

According to officers, Burney confessed raping the woman and was jailed without bond.

Grabbed Her Wrists.

Mrs. Hester said the assault took place as she lay in her bed around 4 a. m. She told Bladen Sheriff John B. Allen, "I didn't know anyone was in the house until he grabbed my wrists."

The woman said her assailant, who apparently entered the house through a back window, forced her to submit. "I was afraid to scream," she said. "I was afraid he would kill me and the children."

Her two sons, aged five and six, who were sleeping in the bed with her, slept through the alleged assault.

"He didn't say anything," Mrs. Hester said. "He just held my wrists and made me submit."

"The only time he spoke," she said, "was when he was leaving. He said, 'Don't make a light.' And he wanted to know 'if I wanted a cigarette.'"

The woman told officers that her assailant warned her, "Don't turn me in." A shotgun and a rifle hung near the bed in which the alleged assault took place, and when officers questioned the woman as to why she did not try to get one of the guns, she told them she was afraid for her life and those of her children.

Mrs. Hester told officers her assailant held her wrists until he had opened the front door and fled through the wood behind the house. After the alleged attack Mrs. Hester took her two children to the home of Allen Cox, a neighbor.

On a tip from a suspect they had picked up, officers began looking for Burney. He was spotted by Sheriff Allen as he walked along N. C. Highway 211 west of Clarkton.

Officers gave chase and cornered him in a wooded area just out of town. A cordon of police officers and civilians was thrown up around the area, and hound dogs were sent in to rout Burney out.

After several unsuccessful attempts, the suspect was spotted lying in a corn field and was captured before he could make his break for freedom. Prior to his capture, dogs trailed Burney to a service station some two miles from the Hester home where the trail was lost.

Mrs. Hester lives alone with her two children. Her husband is serving a term on the road on charges of assault and non-support. She was examined by Dr. Julian Keith Jr. of Clarkton.

At Winston-Salem

Negro Held For Attack Upon Mrs. Al DePorter

WINSTON - SALEM, Dec. 14 (AP) — A Negro service station attendant today was charged with raping Mrs. Al DePorter, attractive young wife of the Wake Forest College assistant basketball coach.

Cap. W. R. Burke, chief of Winston-Salem detectives, said Charles Moore Jr., 27, a statement "which contained very little difference" from the story related to police by the 25-year-old

Mrs. DePorter. She said she was raped on an isolated dirt road about 4 p.m. yesterday.

Had Family Car.

Capt. Burke quoted Mrs. DePorter, whose husband was the captain of the Wake Forest basketball team in 1955-56, as saying Moore had brought the DePorter family car from a service station to their apartment and insisted he drive on the return trip to the station. Mrs. DePorter said the Negro threatened her with a knife and attacked her on a deserted dirt road.

Winston-Salem Police Chief James I. Waller said the side road is in "as isolated section as can be found within the city limits."

Capt. Burke said Mrs. DePorter told them she freed herself and drove to her apartment and a friend notified police. Burke said Moore left on foot, went to a service station where he had been employed previously, and had a friend telephone police he wanted to surrender.

The police captain said through directions provided by Moore, the knife was found about 20 or 30 feet off the dirt road and about 200 feet down the road from where the attack occurred.

Makes No Denial.

Moore, who commutes to his work at the service station here from High Point, made no denial, police said. The rape warrant was signed by Det. Sgt. J. H. Lentz.

Moore was held without bond for arraignment in Municipal Court on Tuesday. He will be given a preliminary hearing in the same court on Friday.

DePorter was notified immediately and hurried home from Col-

lege Park, Md., where the Maryland basketball team defeated Wake Forest 72-58 last night. DePorter, former Wake Forest basketball star, and his wife, a former Youngstown, Ohio, girl were married about two years ago and have no children.

Mrs. DePorter was treated at a hospital and placed under care of a physician at her home. She had a slight cut on her neck.

Capt. W. R. Burke, chief of detectives, said that Mrs. DePorter gave this account.

The man brought her car from the service station to her home in the faculty apartments on the campus.

She got in to drive him back, but he insisted on driving despite her protests.

He drove onto a deserted road about a mile from the apartment and not far from the service station.

He dragged her from the car, threatened her with a knife and attacked her.

She managed to get back inside the car and locked the doors as he ran off.

She drove home and police were called.

Negro Boasts Of Assaulting Coach's Wife

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (UP)

A "boasting" Negro was charged Saturday with raping the young wife of a Wake Forest College basketball coach while her husband was in Maryland with the team.

Mrs. Al DePorter, 25, said she was attacked by the Negro, identified as Charles Moore Jr., 27, High Point, N. C., about 4 p.m. Friday. The attack occurred, she said, while she was taking the Negro service station attendant back

Negro Sought In Assault Case

Man Is Sought In Assault

WASHINGTON, N. C. Nov. 19

Chief of Police Phillip Paul announced today that local police are exploring every possible detail to find a young Negro man who grabbed a white woman here, threatening to kill her if she screamed. Mrs. Olive Corey Box told officers the man was a medium sized Negro about 20 years old. She said she was walking home from church services around 8:45 p. m.

After he had assaulted her with his fists he threatened "to get her later" as he fled.

According to police Mrs. Box was walking home from church services and noticed that a Negro was following her.

She said he walked up behind her, grabbed her and put his hand over her mouth threatening her if she screamed.

Officers said Mrs. Box is the mother of one small child. She stated that she hit his hand, screaming for help. He then dashed from the scene smashing her in the forehead, cursing her and vowing to get her later.

A short scar-faced Negro is being sought for breaking into the home of two white persons, at Women's Prison and attempting to assault one of them.

Mrs. June Allen told police of awaking early yesterday morning to find the Negro in bed with her, his hands clamped tightly around her throat.

"I just began talking to him, asking him what he wanted," she said.

He told me I knew what he wanted and that he would kill me if I screamed," she said.

The second matron, Mrs. Ruby Richardson, said she went to Mrs. Allen's bedroom when she there "loud talking".

"I thought at first she was having a nightmare," Mrs. Richardson said.

When Mrs. Richardson appeared at Mrs. Allen's bedroom door and asked the Negro what he was doing in the house, he lunged at her and dashed out a rear door, Deputy Sheriffs Bob Linton and Louis Waters said.

The women told Raleigh Officers B. G. Parker and W. F. Crocker, who assisted in the search at the prison location, that the Negro was short, had scars on his face and was wearing work clothes.

Bloodhounds were called from Cary Prison Farm to help track the man, but could not find a trail.

A short time after the incident, Deputies Linton and Waters picked up a suspect fitting the general description, but later released him.

Police searched the area until about 4 a.m. yesterday following the incident which occurred shortly after midnight yesterday.

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Wake Forest assistant basketball coach, was at College Park, Md., for the Wake Forest-Maryland game when he was notified. He rushed home immediately.

Moore was held without bond on charges of rape, a capital offense in North Carolina. The charge was placed at mid-morning after an all-night investigation.

Police officials said the Negro admitted "in a boasting manner" that he attacked Mrs. DePorter after threatening her with a pocketknife.

Police Capt. W. R. Burke said Moore called police headquarters and gave himself up after fleeing the scene of the attack.

Burke said, "Moore has gone much further in his statement than Mrs. DePorter has, but we may not have gotten all the information from her because she was so upset."

Mrs. DePorter was treated at a hospital here and was placed under the care of a physician.

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Rape Stories By Three Women Proved Hoaxes

TOLEDO, Ohio — Three white women in two different sections of the county admitted last week that their stories of being raped by Negro men were not true.

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In Birmingham, Ala., a 15-year-old white girl told police that a story she told them about being

raped by three Negro youths was a hoax.

She said she made up the story to keep from having to attend classes.

The girl had charged that the youths seized her as she walked across a parking lot. A scratch on her shoulder and rips in her blouse had given police a reason to believe her story.

However, Sgt. M. H. House said the girl admitted she did the damage herself with a safety razor blade.

Toledo Student And Hospital Nurse Confess 'Rape Stories' Were Lies

Toledo, Ohio. — A white 17-year-old girl and a 27-year-old nurse perpetrated hoaxes—charging they had been attacked by Negroes—had this city on the verge of a racial explosion, until Thursday when the hoaxes were exposed.

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During the days that followed the false charges Negro citizens, in their contacts with whites, were subject to constant stares and indignant remarks.

The chief of police, Anthony A. Bosch, even suggested at a mass meeting that the Negro community turn stool pigeon.

It was at this meeting that Negro citizens raised doubt that the crimes were committed by Negroes, or that they perhaps were made up.

Philadelphia Girl Testifies Of Attack By Six Negro Men

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7 (AP)—An 18-year-old girl testified today that she was waylaid and attacked by six young Negroes in September, a time when racial tension was running high in this city.

The six went on trial in Common Pleas Court before a jury of nine women and three men. One defendant, who had pleaded guilty to all the charges involved, deposed on the witness stand that he actually raped the girl. He was permitted to plead innocent on that charge. All the defendants but one waived jury trial. Since one had asked for a jury trial, the court ordered all the cases to go to the jury.

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The attack, on Sept. 18, when Miss Heckart was 17, came at a time when racial feelings were intensified by the Little Rock high school integration crisis.

A police official said the assault was planned in advance.

Miss Heckart, the opening witness, said she was on her way home from a visit to relatives when the attack occurred.

She said her assailants ripped off some of her clothing, pinned her down while she was raped, adding she was hit on the head when she screamed.

Her screams brought a 16-year-old boy to her aid. Three of the attackers fought him, he testified, while Miss Heckart broke free and ran home.

Through Miss Heckart originally had said four Negroes attacked her, police eventually rounded up six, all from Philadelphia, and charged them all with at least some part in the attack.

Roddy Miller Jr., 17, changed his plea to innocent on the rape charge. The other defendants are:

Ivy Lee Crossland, 23; his cousin, Joseph L. Crossland, 20; Joseph's brother, Robert, 19; Donald Johnson Jr., 17, and Leroy Kelly Jr., 22.

Pennsylvania Negroes draw term in attack

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 9 (AP)—Five young Negro men were convicted Friday night of raping and beating a teen-age white girl in a South Philadelphia schoolyard. A sixth Negro youth had pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial.

The defendants drew sentences up to 15 years.

The girl, Katherine Heckart, testified the six forced her into the schoolyard the night of Sept. 18. She said they beat her and held her while she was raped. She escaped after a 16-year-old white youth went to her aid when he heard screams.

THE ATTACK was one of a series of apparently racial conflicts that took place among teen-agers in the city during the period of strong national concern over the school integration crisis at Little Rock, Ark. Heavy police patrols were assigned to the Philadelphia trouble spots to break up gang incidents at the time.

The jury of nine women and three men deliberated about three hours.

The charges against the six included rape, aggravated assault and battery, and assault with intent to ravish.

Each of the defendants testified to taking some part in the assault, but each denied actually raping the girl. They admitted drinking a quantity of wine and beer before the attack.

Those convicted and their sentences were:

Leroy Kelly, 22, and Ivy Lee Crossland, 23, 7½ to 15 years.

Joseph Grosland, 20, and his brother, Robert, 19, cousins of Ivy Lee Crossland, and Donald Johnson, 17, 6½ to 15 years.

Roddy Miller, 17, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 5 to 15

years. All the sentences will be served in Eastern State Penitentiary.

Six Negroes face Philadelphia court in assault on girl

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7 (AP)—Six Negro youths went on trial in Common Pleas Court today for beating a white girl in September—a time when racial tension was running high in this city.

The six are accused of viciously beating a 17-year-old South Philadelphia girl after dragging her into a schoolyard near her home.

They have pleaded innocent to the charges which include rape, assault with intent to ravish, aggravated assault and battery, indecent assault and conspiracy.

The victim, Katherine Heckart, was attacked on Sept. 18 at a time when racial feelings were being fanned by the Little Rock High School integration trouble.

A police official said the assault was planned in advance.

Miss Heckart said she had been visiting relatives and was on her way home when she was grabbed and dragged into the yard of Audenried Junior High School.

Child Attack Suspect Accused by 2d Victim

A city employee still awaiting trial for allegedly molesting a 9-year-old girl in 1958, was held without bail yesterday on a variety of charges after a young woman identified him as the man who entered her sorority house bedroom in West Philadelphia early Saturday and criminally assaulted her.

The suspect, Augustus Young Jr., 26, of Irving st. near 38th, married and the father of two children, also was held since last Jan. 28, despite being \$5000 bail for the grand jury under indictment since August, 1956, on charges involving the small girl, claimed that he was "home asleep" after having left a party near 8th and Parrish sts. at 4 A. M. Saturday.

Sgt. Earl Sterrett, of the Morals Squad, said the attractive blonde Penn student reported that on leaving, the intruder invited her to meet him Saturday night, so he could "show her around," at the southeast corner of 37th and Walnut sts.

LENSMEN BARRED. Donnelly, who barred photographers while testimony was being given, was the same magistrate who held Young in \$1500 bail on June 6, 1956, after he was accused of mistreating and beating the small girl in her home near 21st and Westmoreland sts.

Young, who then worked in a downtown luncheonette, to which he was traced, was accused on the same day of breaking into the home of a young woman in the same North Philadelphia area and trying to attack her. Donnelly freed him of that charge when the plaintiff failed to appear.

CHARGES DENIED

Young, previously freed on Oct. 19, 1955, by Magistrate George Levin after an arrest on sale and possession of drugs charges, denied yesterday that he was the armed intruder who assaulted a 19-year-old University of Pennsylvania student early Saturday.

The victim, whose name is withheld by The Inquirer, insisted sobbingly, however, that the suspect was the man who came into the bedroom of her sorority house on Locust st. near 37th at 5:45 A. M. and told her before the attack: "Be quiet or I'll kill you—I have a gun and razor."

'AT HOME ASLEEP'

Young, who police said had been employed as a caddy and guard at a convent,

3 Previous Arrests

Augustus Young Jr., 26, of Irving st. near 37th, held yesterday on 10 different charges in connection with the criminal assault on a 19-year-old University of Pennsylvania student, had a record of three previous arrests, according to police.

Records show the suspect also is awaiting trial on an indictment returned August a year ago. The indictment grew out of charges that he molested and beat a 9-year-old girl in her North Philadelphia home.

Young first was arrested Oct. 19, 1955, for sale and possession of narcotics. He was discharged by Magistrate George Levin.

The next two charges against him were made on the same day—June 6, 1956. He was accused of forcing his way early that day into the home of a young woman in the 2100 block of Bellevue st., and

Magistrate James T. Donnelly, before whom Young also was arraigned yesterday, freed him of the first charge when the plaintiff



AUGUSTUS YOUNG JR.

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Six Negroes Guilty In Philadelphia Rape

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PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8 (AP)—A jury tonight convicted five Negro youths on charges of raping and beating a teen-age white girl in a South Philadelphia schoolyard. A sixth defendant pleaded guilty.

Judge Louis E. Levantini immediately sentenced all six to terms in Eastern State Penitentiary ranging up to 15 years.

The girl, Katherine Heckart, who was 17 at the time of the attack, testified her attackers dragged her into a deserted schoolyard the night of Sept. 18. There, she said, they beat her and held her down while she was being raped. A 16-year-old white boy heard her screams and came to her aid. Three of the attackers fought with him, enabling the girl to get away.

Charleston
The jury of nine women and three men deliberated about three hours in reaching the verdict.

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at 11-9-57
Roddy Miller, 17, pleaded guilty at the outset of the trial, changed his plea to innocent on one charge during the case, and then pleaded guilty again today. He was sentenced to 5 to 15 years.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

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Man Is Jailed On Assault Charge

CHARLESTON, S. C. (AP) — A 61-year-old Charleston Heights white man, charged with raping a 20-year-old Negro girl, was bound over for grand jury action in General Sessions Court here last week, according to Director of County Police Marion J. [redacted].

The girl, who was not identified, alleged that John Hutson of Kent Avenue assaulted her in the auto. The girl is also a resident of Charleston Heights.

Hutson was held without bond, following a preliminary hearing in magistrate court.

NEGRO ASSAILANT INJURES MEMPHIAN

Scuffle Follows As Thug
Lunges At Cashier

Miss Georgia Mae Forsythe, cashier at the Colonial Tearoom at the Peabody, went to work with bruises and abrasions on her face yesterday from a middle-of-the-street scuffle she had with a Negro assailant.

Miss Forsythe said she stepped off a bus at Driver and Richmond about 11:40 p.m. Friday and was walking to her home at 1402 South Driver when the man lunged at her. She thought he had a weapon in his hand.

The two fell to the street in a scuffle while Miss Forsythe beat the attacker with the handle of her umbrella and screamed. The man fled when neighbors turned on lights.

Earlier, Mrs. Florence Wehrheim of 47 West Rollins Road, a public stenographer at the Peabody, was struck in the face by a Negro man who snatched her purse, containing \$30 as she walked to her car at the rear of the hotel.

The attacker, in each case, fitted the same general description, but police were unable to identify him.

Escaped Convict Quickly Captured Following Attack

HARRIMAN, Tenn., April 24 (AP)—

Negro convict, his prison uniform spattered with blood, was captured near here today within an hour after an intruder had entered and ravished a woman in a rural home.

County officers identified the Negro as William James Tines, 33-year-old Knoxville who escaped yesterday from Brushy Mountain State Prison where he was serving a life term for murder.

Police said Tines admitted entering the house and beating the 21-year-old woman but denied raping her. Doctors at Harriman Hospital said she had been ravished.

Tines "just walked off" yesterday while at work with a timber-cutting crew outside the prison, according to Warden Frank Llewellyn.

At Kingston, Sheriff Robert M. Delaney said he would swear out warrants tomorrow charging Tines with felonious assault with intent to murder and with rape.

Negro confesses Nashville assault

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 11 (AP)—

Police said a 20-year-old Negro last night admitted raping a white woman in her suburban store at noon yesterday.

The man, James Snell of Nashville, is charged with rape. Officers said he dictated and signed a statement admitting the offense.

The woman, 15-year-old mother of two and grandmother of two, told police she was raped three times at gunpoint after being forced into the rear room of her retail establishment in Madison.

She was treated at Madison Sanitarium. It was the latest in a series of rapes in Nashville area business establishments.

Girl Beaten After Rape Attempt Fails

Sat. 4-27-57
Houston — The biblical saying, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for a friend," took a new twist Friday when "possibilities of a charge of rape against a janitor employed at a local theater was by passed when parents of the girl declined to take action because the man carried the girl to doctor."

According to a case worker at the Jefferson Davis Hospital, a 13-year-old girl was brought in and treated for a bruised face. She said she became skeptical when the girl told her she got the bruise sweeping the theater and reported it to the juvenile division. Policewoman A. Ortega questioned the girl closely and learned from the girl that the man had been beating her ever since she started working at the theater at the age of 10.

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Mrs. Ortega said the girl told her that the man attempted to rape her last Friday and when she rebuffed his advances, he took off his belt and whipped her.

The juvenile division learned that on the same day, the man had carried the girl to a doctor and had paid the bill. The officers said they learned this from the girl's mother who said she did not want to file because the man had carried the girl to the doctor.

Bartender Accused

Sat. 5-11-57
Houston — A 29-year-old bartender at the fabulous Houston Club, which is composed of the state's wealthiest men, was

identified as a pretty, trembling 19-year-old Prairie View College co-ed from Hemphill, Tex., as the man who attacked her in the shadow of the City Hall in the heart of downtown Houston.



Nelson

Arrested by Deputies R. E. Williams and Robert Hunter was Langford Nelson, 2610 Cleburne. Deputy Williams said that Nelson is a two-times ex-convict, having served time here and in Louisiana for robbery and burglary.

The girl told how Nelson struck up a conversation with her in the Greyhound bus station Sunday night as she was returning to school.

HE TOLD her he was a Southern University graduate and was in business here. After she visited a tavern with him, she told police she found herself in front of the City Hall.

Here Nelson, she alleged, backed her against a tree and attempted to violate her. Failing because she was a virgin (doctors who examined her at the Jefferson Davis Hospital confirmed this), she related how he forced her to perform sodomy.

It was then that she fled and was found by A. O. Meyay wandering around in a dazed and frightened condition on West Dallas.

Nelson denied he forced his attentions on the girl. She accompanied him willingly he said and only fled when the lights of a passing car shone on her.

The deputies said that at least two other girls have been attacked by men who loiter around the station to lure young girls returning to school each Sunday after spending the week-end with their parents. He advised parents to warn their girls about being friendly with such persons.

Call Shooting Of Rape Suspect 'An Accident'

Sat. 5-18-57
BULLETIN

The INFORMER received a telephone call late Tuesday morning from a person who reported seeing police shoot Mr. Thompson in Sunnyside. The caller said the man was handcuffed and the legs were tied. Officers were apparently trying to make the arrested man run, the witness added.

Other rumors were that several school children also saw the shooting.

HOUSTON - Claudis Lee Thompson of 7806 Gladstone, a 32-year-old ex-convict, arrested for questioning in the robbery and stabbing of two white youths and the criminal assault on a 15-year-old white girl, was fatally shot as he rode with his hands handcuffed behind his back in a police car Monday about 1:20 P. M.

Although police say the suspect was accidentally killed, many discrepancies were found in police reports on the incident.

Statements from residents in the area indicate that police arrested Mr. Thompson at 11 A. M. Monday. However, police give the time of the arrest as 12:50 P. M.

Police, at the time of the fatal shooting, positively identified the accused man as C. L. Smith, then Clarence Lee Thompson. Later they said the victim of the accident was Claudis Lee Thompson.

According to eyewitnesses, Mr. Thompson was arrested and severely beaten by a "bunch of policemen." They added that when police drove away from the accused man's home, officers were still beating him.

Police denied this, however, saying that a photographer from two of the city's daily newspapers were present at the time of the arrest and no harm befell the arrested man.

Through investigation by a team of Informer reporters, debunked the police's statement for each

of the newspapers mentioned denied that any member of their staff was present at the time of the arrest. Both of the papers did have photographers at the scene of the fatal shooting after the man was killed, apparently hours after the arrest.

About 10 minutes before the fatal shooting occurred, several residents of the area of the arrest called The Informer, telling of police beating a Negro man.

Police said that Inspector Joe Clark and Detectives W. B. Todd and F. C. Crittenden arrested the suspect and later transferred him into another police cruiser with Detective A. E. Rockwell, Sheriff's Investigator George Hillton and Inspector Joe Clark.

After the change was made, police said they started back to the Thompson home.

When asked if they had already identified the suspect as the man who raped the teenager, police answered, "Yes."

"Well, why did they drive him around instead of taking him to police headquarters where he could be positively identified by the rape victim?" an Informer reporter asked. Police never did answer his query.

A police spokesman told The Informer:

At the time of the accident, Mr. Thompson was directing officers to the home of Clarence Rhoden of 8123 Canyon. Police say that Mr. Rhoden was one of Mr. Thompson's confederates in the robbery of the Park Place service station where the criminal assault allegedly took place.

Another discrepancy was brought to light when police told The Informer that the weapon which killed Mr. Thompson — a Belgian-made Browning sawed-off, single-barreled, automatic, hammerless 12 gauge shotgun — was laying across the rear seat of the police car in which Mr. Thompson and Insp. Clark occupied the rear seat. Later, they said the weapon was on Inspector Clark's lap pointed at

the suspect.

The police spokesman said that when the car reached the 8500 block of Southview, it hit a series of bumps in the street and the weapon discharged, snuffing out the life of the arrested man.

Police said a billfold which belonged to one of the robbery victims was found on Mr. Thompson's person and much of the loot taken from the service station was recovered at his home.

The victim of the alleged sex crime said, according to police, that she identified the dead man as her attacker by the tattoo on his arm.

Police told The Informer that Mrs. Nellie Lee Griffin Thompson, reportedly the common-law wife of the deceased man, waited in the car while her mate committed the sex crime Sunday night.

Insp. Clark said that he "couldn't remember whether or not he had his hands on the trigger of the shotgun."

Police officials Tuesday morning said Insp. Clark was like Elvis Presley's popular rock 'n' roll song hit — "All Shook Up" about the entire incident.

3 Negroes Accused In Rape of White Girl

DENISON, Tex., April 8 (AP) — Three Negroes raped a 17-year-old white girl last night while her boyfriend was held at gunpoint and charges were filed against two of them today, Police Chief Paul L. Lott said.

He reported the youth drove the girl to a hospital and reported the assault.

The maximum penalty for rape in Texas is death.

Cops Seek Northside Criminal

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Det. 7-6-57
Arrested 7-6-57
HOUSTON — As a 43-year-old woman lay on her bed listening to an eleven o'clock newscast Tuesday night, a masked and gloved man, armed with a butcher knife, broke into her house and raped her, the woman told police Wednesday.

Thursday, a battery of police officers—working on a description given them by the victim—was combing the "slum area" around Opelousas Street in the northside for the tall, slender youthful rapist— who, according to the victim— is about 185 pounds.

THE SOBBING victim told officers that her husband was at work; that she was listening to the news when suddenly, a gloved hand covered her eyes and mouth and a rough voice ordered her not to move or make any noise.

The matron said when the hand was finally removed from her face, she stared with fear-filled eyes at a man about six feet tall and wearing a white mask over his face. It had holes cut for the eyes, she stated.

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STILL TREMBLING with terror the victim related that she was in bed clothes and her attacker made her remove them before committing the sex crime.

She told police investigators the man held the knife against her body for about 10 minutes while raping her. After completing his crime, the attacker left by way of the back door, the woman said.

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VIRGINIA

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Nude Girl Flees Thugs

Pittsburgh, Pa. 5/2
PORTSMOUTH, Va. (ANP)—A young woman had to flee in the street naked here last week to escape from two men who offered her a ride home from a nearby summer resort. The two men turned out to be sexual villains. Stripped of her clothing, the victim escaped from a house near Beech and Oak Sts. after the two men had criminally assaulted her.

The young woman ran into the street shortly after 9 P. M. Saturday night. She told detectives that the two men whom she met on the beach offered to carry her to Portsmouth since they were going "her way."

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THE MEN, driving a 1950 model green sedan, carried the girl to the house and forced her to take off her clothes.

The victim told police that both men criminally assaulted her before she could escape. She was overpowered and handled roughly despite all her resistance.

She was carried to Portsmouth General Hospital, where physicians examined her and found evidence of an attack, police records show.

The girl told police that one of the men appeared to be about 23 years old, five feet-two inches tall and was "on the stout side." He wore a striped jacket over his bathing suit. The other man was about 25 years old, five feet-six inches tall and weighed about 165 pounds. He wore gray pants and shirt, the girl said.

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Negroes Declare Milwaukee Prob Terrorizes Race

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 10 (AP)—Police Chief John Polcyn was told last night that a "feeling of terror" has developed among Milwaukee's Negro residents as an outgrowth of the police search for the men who raped four white women in separate incidents in recent months.

Polcyn answered the statements of three leaders of the Milwaukee chapter of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People by saying "our law-abiding Negro citizens need have no fear of being on the streets of Milwaukee after dark."

"We have no other resource but to continue our actions until the right to walk on our streets in safety is assured to all women, regardless of race or color," Polcyn said.

Milwaukee Cops And Racial Sensibilities

The Milwaukee Journal

POLICE EFFORTS in recent days to solve a pattern of four rape cases in the last six months have inevitably caused much irritation among Negro Milwaukeeans, and have aroused racial sensibilities. However, there is basis for understanding the situation if there is willingness to do so.

The key fact, too widely overlooked or ignored by those who feel a "stigma" on Negroes in general, is that the attackers' Negro coloring just happens to be the leading clue to identification in all four cases; they may have been the same men. It is undeniably a distinctive feature. If the men had been slant-eyed or red haired or one legged, that would have been the clue.

So naturally the police seek their quarry among Negroes in these particular cases. And, with so little else to go on, it is no more than thorough police work to question many people whom the officers find to be unoffending citizens only after talking to them and double checking. Surely in a calm mind this can be distinguished from harassment of the Negro citizenry as such.

Further, it cannot escape public knowledge that the one known fact about these wanted men is their race. This newspaper recognizes that racial identification is irrelevant in many kinds of news reports, and therefore omits it from them. It is given only when it is necessary to a meaningful report—just as any other description is given when needed to tell the story.

As we said above, an intensive operation is not to be avoided if police are to have any hope of cracking an outrageous crime problem like this one. In conducting such an operation it is still necessary, of course, to treat citizens correctly. We believe most Milwaukee officers do; certainly Chief Polcyn's leadership and discipline are scrupulous to that end, and we would quickly condemn any verified cases of mistreatment of anybody.

But there must also be recognition of the overriding police duty to keep Milwaukee everybody in Milwaukee safe from sex criminals and other marauders. The Negro community is as well aware of this as any other group. Police work is not pleasant work, and the duty of citizens to cooperate with police may also be inconvenient and irritating. But no innocent person who is honest and direct should have to fear a police questioner.

The common sense discussions of Friday and Saturday between the mayor, the chief and various groups concerned about the interracial atmosphere, should have helped increase understanding along these lines. There is no real reason why a hunt for certain criminals who may not even be Milwaukeeans but who happen to be Negroes should develop a racial crisis in Milwaukee.

Faces Trial...

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man. "Fickett then stopped the car and asked that White be brought over. The child then identified her as the man who had picked her up."

Blood on Underwear
The police then took White to a Frankfort hospital where he was examined and blood was discovered on his underwear, according to reports. He was then taken to State Police Headquarters for questioning and later to the Lexington jail for safekeeping.

While at State Police Headquarters, the prisoner asked permission to call a retired Kentucky State College professor and close friend of the White family. The request was granted, and he was later taken to see Professor Daley of Frankfort.

Car Falls to Start
The six-year-old, described by Detective Johnson, as being a bright, intelligent child, said that the man who abducted her stopped on a side road about 4:15 P. M. (The approximate time was established by an Alton couple who saw the child wandering along the road at 4:30 before Tackett picked her up.) She said that after the offense occurred, the car would not start.

According to Arvin Crank and his wife Dorothy, Commonwealth witnesses, White asked them to give her a push, which they did. Police theorized from what the girl had told them that she must have been forced to lie down on the back seat out of sight. The Cranks later fingered White from a line-up of six Negroes and the husband identified the car.

Frankfort Charges
Examining trial was waived on the Frankfort charges brought by Mrs. Ralph Robinson, wife of his Frankfort Country Club manager. She said White was the man who entered her home, wearing a white half-mask, through an unlocked door in February and demanded money at gunpoint. Seconds later, she said the intruder grabbed her with his free hand. She then ordered the man to leave the house and he took \$5 and fled without further molesting her.

Picked From Line-up
Robinson said that his wife, the mother of three children, was able to identify White in the line-up Wednesday by his size, voice and veins in his hand. He also said that his wife had been as far as Lexington and Cleveland looking for over 100 suspects, but this was the first time she had identified anyone and there was no question in her mind that he was the man. Frankfort police have a detainer on the accused, pending the Lawrenceburg developments. They indicated they had a witness to the offense.

White is being held in the Frankfort jail without bond under motion of the Commonwealth Attorney pending the June 19th trial. White refused to be interviewed by reporters and thus far has not admitted nor denied the crime.

France will demand that Egypt pay for the removal of vessels and bridges sunk in the Suez Canal. The cost of the operations has been estimated at \$400,000.

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Public Opinion Plays Strong Part in Progress of Rights, Union Reports

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The decisions of the federal courts and executive agencies and the "growing force of public opinion" played a strong part in civil rights progress last year, the American Civil Liberties Union declares in its 38th annual report.

The report, published Monday, March 23, is entitled "Liberty in America: Unfinished Business." It identifies public opinion as a factor for which expressed itself in the 1958 elections, and suggests this opinion might press through a minimum civil rights program in the Congress in 1959.

Encouragement of Rule 22 Change
"While the effort in the new Congress," the report declares, "to end the filibuster blockade by adopting new rules of debate was defeated, the increased number of Senators who supported the resolution and Vice-President Nixon's doubts as to the constitutionality of the present rules offer real encouragement for a future change, and a rising chorus of insistence on at least the minimum program to the right to vote—a chorus which made itself heard in the 1958 elections—may press this program through."

Noting the United States Supreme Court's contribution to civil rights progress, the report states that the high court "continues unanimously to uphold equality before the law, most recently in interstate bus transportation." Further advance is observed "in education desegregation where there continues to be steady progress, frequently unpublished, in the border states."

But, the report cautions, "as in migration, especially the discriminatory and outdated national origins quota system."

Don't Believe...

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don't believe it, I have been quite a shock to me and I won't believe it until he says that he is guilty. I knew him in Chicago but only slightly. I really got to know him when we both came here to attend school. He has always been in good spirits and quite normal even up to the time of arrest when he returned to the room to change his clothes."

The president of the student council remarked, "White is a patriotic sort of person who always carried his share of the load and his personality was always warm and cheerful. We were neighbors in the dormitory," he continued, "and through work association on numerous projects, we became friends."

Girl Friend
His girl friend related that she was the last one to know, but knew that something was wrong from the sad faces of the students. She then tried to locate White but couldn't. Worried, she went to Professor Dailey's home and he told her what had happened. Shocked, she still can't believe what has happened.

The student council initiated action which resulted in a bible service given Father Joseph A. O'Dwyer, priest of the Good Shepherd Church where White attended, who in turn presented it to White on behalf of the student body.

Reading Books
White is reported by the Frankfort police to be occupying most of his time with reading. The police chief brought one book, "Philosophy in the New Key," for him to read. Although a sociology major, White is said to have been thinking of going into the business field. According to his roommate, he had written several firms, seeking information regarding employment after his June graduation.

His father and brother were in Kentucky until Friday morning of last week. The father, apprehensive at first about his son's arrest, was reported to have left Frankfort feeling assured of his son's welfare and treatment.

HISTORY AND FUNCTIONS OF UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

By JEROME WILSON
(Cont. from Last Week)

The figures for 1955 reveal that the Post office handled a total of 51 billion pieces of mail, weighing 10 million and one-fourth billion tons. We are told that a letter is handled 19 times from pick-up to delivery, which means that total handlings exceeded 900 billion for 1955. Let's break that down into days and hours. The department handled 1,300,000 tons of mail in the past 24 hours, or 27,000 tons this staggering total only 1 letter in every 30,000 ends up in our dead letter office.

Can't Lie Fast Enough
These figures stagger the imagination. I know. I'm reminded of the Texas in our unit of the Army who was prone to brag about his home state as all Texans do. One day someone called him a liar. His answer, "Why man, you can't lie fast enough to tell the truth about Texas."

Who faced with compliments by friends about mail delivery, I have often been tempted to quote the above figures on delivery and follow it with this quotation, "What a much noise when things go right as we do when things go wrong."

Consider for a moment the tremendous tasks involved in sorting, cancelling, routing and delivering this quantity of mail. Add to that the other services performed by this government-owned corporation with its 30,000 offices in nearly every city, town, and village in the country. It operates 3,173 government owned buildings, sells stamps, rents PO boxes, vendors, and bonds, and furnishes banking facilities and money order services for its millions of patrons.

Protect Against Fraud-Theft
In addition we insure and protect the government's patron against loss of money by means of the Inspection Service, founded in 1775 is the oldest law enforcement arm of the Federal Government. They act as watchdogs of the service, protecting the public interest against mail theft and fraud from without and from within. Its 900 inspectors and specialists have a record of detection and convictions second to none in any story about the Inspection Service, it should be noted that they stand as a largely unpublicized but public protector. They protect the valuable right of the public to privacy in their mail. Martin Luther in 1528 said, "violation of letter secrecy is a mortal sin, which will bring with it the loss of divine mercy."

The citizen today thinks nothing of unhesitatingly entrusting his most secret matters under seal. He is guaranteed privacy in his mail under the constitution and the Post Office holds his privacy inviolate.

the case further.
The Negroes were arrested last Dec. 28 after a mass unsegregated bus riding attempt. They contended the city ordinance under which they were arrested is unconstitutional. All pleaded guilty but none were called upon to testify.

Four of the arresting policemen testified that the Negroes took seats in the traditional white section and refused to move.
Defense Attorney cited the U. S. Supreme Court decision in the Montgomery, Ala., case which held that segregation on public transit vehicles a violation of the constitution of the U. S.

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NEW ENGLAND SENATOR URGES RACIAL HARMONY

WASHINGTON, D. C. (APF)

Senator Theodore Green (D, R-I) placed in the Congressional Record today, an article by H. F. Oppenheimer, titled "Racial Harmony."

The article pointed out that "Racial harmony in southern Africa can be maintained and developed only if a realistic policy is pursued. If the aims of the policy should be to secure the economic, cultural, and social development of all races to the full extent of their capabilities; but this objective must be pursued with knowledge and appreciation of two fundamental facts:

(1) There is no possibility of changing the existing multi-racial character of southern Africa by attempting to segregate European and non-European into separate areas.

(2) The real separation between black and white is a difference in cultural level, which is often compounded with racial prejudice."

"In any form of integration, the racial difference must remain; but there is immense scope for improving the lot of the African people by raising their cultural level, through education, training, and experience, as close as possible to the very much more advanced level of the European."

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Diggs, Colleagues Pay Tribute To "Free" Hungary

WASHINGTON, D. C. (ANP)

Sen. Charles C. Diggs (D., Mich.) joined his several colleagues, Monday, in paying tribute to Hungary on the 100th Anniversary of its independence.

"America and the free world bestow profoundly felt and sincere honors upon this gallant people" of Hungary, said Diggs. "In their so recently made heroic stand against oppression, the people of Hungary have made their national observance in substance, underlying all outward manifestations, an occasion of universal common concern for all who fight in the common cause of liberty and justice."

"Throughout the world, the resolve that this way of life which gives honor and dignity to men, shall triumph has been nourished and inspired by the example of those who, against monstrous in-famy, fought, bled and died in the great faith of democracy.

"This faith," continued Diggs, "will be preserved and strengthened in the hearts of the people of Hungary. It will be carried forward relentlessly by American and those of common bond."

Hundreds Attend Funeral of Hammer Slain Victim

CHICAGO, Ill. (ANP)—Hundreds of persons, both white and Negro, filed into the solemn aisles of the Englewood Church of God in Christ last week to pay homage to a 17-year-old Negro youth whose life was snuffed out March 11 by a gang of white teen-age toughs as he waited for a bus in a white neighborhood here.

Shed in Aisles
The huge crowd spilled out into the streets, after consuming all available space in both the church auditorium and basement. Many persons stood in the aisles behind the rostrum.

There was hardly a dry eye in the audience, as the Rev. Marcus H. Morgan delivered the eulogy over the body of Alvin Palmer, an honor student at Farragut High School, whose young and budding life was snatched suddenly and violently by white hoodlums.

Termed an Admiral
The principal of the high school paid special tribute to young Palmer, saying "the best we can say about Alvin is the best we can say about any Farragut student." He called him an Admiral.

The bereaved parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Palmer, were presented a check from the school's student body.

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McRae to Speak At Central High

The availability of healthier, happier, more abundant living through spiritual understanding will be the topic of a lecture on Christian Science to be given here Thursday evening, April 4, at 8 O'clock, by Mr. MacRae of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. MacRae, a member of The Christian Science Board of Lecturers, will speak in Central High School Auditorium, 1130 W. Chestnut, under the auspices of the Christian Science Society, Louisville. His subject will be "Christian Science: The Way to Dominion and Freedom Through Prayer." The lecture is free, and local members have invited the public to attend.

Mr. MacRae became interested in Christian Science while completing a premedical course at the University of Cincinnati through a physical healing of his father. He withdrew from a business career in 1932 to devote his full time to the healing of the many problems facing us and come up with some new avenues of approach. "State, he has served as a Christian Science lecturer, traveling widely to be a working convention now that the 50th Anniversary is over.

Another highlight of the 43rd General Convention will be the announcement of the new General President who will be elected by the entire brotherhood in May.

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HUNT RAPIST AS MAN SEEN WITH VICTIM

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Loop Building

Visits Told

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An intensive search for an unidentified young blond rapist was under way last night in one of the develop-



MARIA GONZALES

ments leading from the disclosure that the three Chicago boys slain Oct. 16, 1935, about three hours before their death.

The search was launched after Adolph Valanis, police artist, exclaimed, "I have drawn this man's face before," while sketching the countenance of a man who had been described as "bothering" one of the boys in previous visits to the building.

Retrace Boys' Steps

Police frustrated in nearly two years of trying to solve the baffling triple murder hoped that the new leads would put them on the trail of the killer, or killers, of Robert Peterson, 14, and John Schuessler, 13, and John's brother, Anton Jr., 11.

The new leads were:

1. The boys, who had attended an afternoon movie at a theater near State and Randolph sts., stopped in at the Garland building, 111 N. Wabash av., at about 6 p. m. and young Peterson signed the register. This was about two hours before the boys were seen—the only previous positive identification—in a Montrose av. bowling alley where they apparently stopped off while on their way to their northwest side homes.

2. A woman eye technician in the Garland building told of the Peterson boy making previous visits to her with his younger sister, Barbara, then 5, who was taking eye exercises, and of a blond teen-ager bothering the children, especially the Peterson boy, in her waiting room, the last time only four days before the boys were killed.

Slight Limp to Right

The young moron was described by Maria Gonzales, an eye technician who has offices in room 820 of the building, as being about 17 to 19, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, with heavy shoulders and a broad chest, and wearing his blond hair in pompadour style. She said he walked with what seemed to be a slight limp to the right.

Policeman Valanis, sketching the man from her memory, said his sketch was practically identical to one he had made last fall.

The man he drew then, who never has been caught, was a rapist who on Oct. 18, 1936, kidnaped a 22 year old girl, sitting with her fiancé in a car

Killer of Wife

PARIS, July 10 (AP) — A French court today gave a former American soldier a two year suspended sentence for stabbing his unfaithful French wife to death.

He is Joseph Daigneault, 38, of Lewiston, Me., who settled here in 1948 after marrying Monique Parfus, a beautiful dancing teacher, while on occupation duty in West Germany.

The court was told this story:

The couple settled in Paris but their happiness did not last. Daigneault, his attorney pleaded, was "naive when it came to making love. Monique found another man."

Off For Week-End

Daigneault was furious, especially after his wife went off for a week-end with her lover.

In a last effort to patch things up, the American urged his wife to go to the United States with him for a new start. At first she agreed and he went to the American embassy to get formalities

That evening — April 26, 1956 — he came home with a dozen red roses, got the dinner started and set the table. He carefully arranged the roses as a centerpiece.

But Monique was out having cocktails with her lover.

When she came home, Daigneault told her what he had done at the embassy.

Lover Coming Over

"Don't bother for me," she

parked at 703 N. Central av., and drove her to the Joliet area and raped her.

The rapist had an accomplice who was heavy set and dark.

Daily Tribune
Meanwhile, police continued a job conducted secretly for about 10 days of checking all tenants and known visitors to the Garland building. About 500 persons have been investigated.

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Mother Helps Police

The theory which made the disclosure of the boys' visit to the building a significant lead was that they may have been lured to the building to meet someone or may have met this person by accident in or outside the building, and that he drove them to the northwest side or made arrangements to meet them there later that night.

The lead was discovered about 10 days ago when two policemen were talking to Mrs. Dorothy Peterson, mother of the slain boy, about the boy's previous visits to the Loop. She said he used to take his sister to the Garland building for eye exercises.

They then checked the register of the fatal Sunday, when the offices were closed, and found that the Peterson boy and 23 other persons had signed in that day.

Asked to Use Washroom

The boy had signed "Robert Peterson" and said he and his two companions wished to use the washroom on the ninth floor. This washroom is used by children at the eye office because there is none on the eighth floor.

The elevator operator, who recalled the incident, could not provide a description of the two other boys, who apparently were the Schuesslers. However, he said he refused to permit them to accompany young Peterson upstairs. He said he thought the Peterson boy was upstairs for 10 or 15 minutes. The register had his sign out time at 6:05.

The signature was identified as the Peterson boy's by police technicians who compared it with other examples of his writing.

Describes Suspect

Miss Gonzales was interviewed and told this story:

On or about July 16, 1954, Barbara Peterson began taking eye exercises. Approximately in that month, Miss Gonzales noticed that a strange man was walking into the sitting room where the children waited. It was separated by a wall with a sliding frosted glass panel. She had no secretary working at that time.

She said she looked out and saw the man, who had a "high forehead and small face," with the previously mentioned other physical characteristics, and wearing a beach shirt with large patterns, talking to a group of children including

ing the Peterson boy. The man left when she stared at him. About a month or two later, she saw him again in the waiting room.

The third and last time she saw him was on Oct. 12, 1955, when he was bending over the Peterson boy and talking to him. The boy appeared to be trying to ignore him.

Told to Leave Office

She demanded of the young man, "Do you have any business here?" He said, "No," and she then told him to get out of the office and that if she ever saw him around again, she would call the janitor or building office and have him removed.

She said that when he walked away, he appeared to walk off balance, and that he had a strange look in his eyes. She said she suspected that he was a patient of some psychiatrist in the building.

The time of the incident fitted into a chronology of events which began with the boys going to see the Disney movie, "The African Lion," in the Loop. From then until their positive identification by friends in the Monte Cristo bowling alley, 3326 Montrose av., at about 7:15 to 8 p. m., had been a gap in which several tentative identifications had been placed.

The boys are believed to have arrived in or near the intersection of Kenneth av. and Montrose at about 7 p. m. and then to have gone east to the bowling alley.

They were seen leaving the Monte Cristo by friends who said that they had a purposeful way of departing which seemed to indicate that they were going some place other than their homes.

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IN WOODS NEAR BESSEMER—

Two admit girl's shooting

Young cashier remains critical

News P. 1
By JOE CAMPBELL, News staff writer
 BESSEMER, Ala., Feb. 25—Around the clock investigation by Bessemer Cutoff deputies has broken the case of a Saturday night attack and critical shooting of a young woman near here, Chief Deputy Clyde Morris said today.

He said two men signed written confessions late Sunday night. They were listed as Joe Falls, 24-year-old ex-convict of 425 Fifth-av, Bessemer, and James Marvin Luffman, 16, of 1925 12th-st, Bessemer. The two white men are being held in County Jail here without bond.

Earlier charges of rape and assault with intent to murder were changed this afternoon to assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to rob.

MEANWHILE the 18-year-old woman victim, a cashier at a Bessemer grocery store, was listed in critical condition at University Hospital in Birmingham.

She was shot through the chin, and the bullet lodged in the back of her neck. The bullet has not yet been removed.

The attack was revealed Saturday night when Curtis King, 24, of 811 18th-st, Bessemer, phoned Bessemer police from a residence near the wooded scene of the attack. King told deputies he had been struck over the head and that two men had attacked him and the girl as they sat in a car in a wooded section off the "Powder Plant road," three miles south of Bessemer.

According to the written confession by Falls and Luffman, Chief Morris said the chain of events went in this manner: Falls and Luffman said Saturday morning they went to the vicinity where couples often park with the intention of robbing someone.

They said that although several couples came and left during the day, they did not molest any of them. However, they

said, after dark Saturday King and the young woman drove into the area, which is one-half mile off the Powder Plant-rd.

Falls and Luffman parked their car some distance away from the couple, they said.

Finally, Luffman went up to King's car and asked for a light while Falls stayed back a short distance with a rifle.

THEN, Luffman returned to Falls and both went back to King's car. They opened the door and made King get out and get on the ground, they said.

Falls held a rifle on King and Luffman stood over him with a socket wrench. After hitting King on the head with the wrench, they dragged him back to his car and laid him on the floor board in the back of the car.

According to the confession, Chief Morris said, Falls shot the young woman with a .22 caliber rifle.

In Falls' confession the chief deputy said, Falls stated he shot her because she resisted him.

The chief deputy said King said he managed to get hold of his gun in the car and started shooting inside the car. Falls then got out of the car and ran in back of it and King shot through the back of his car at Falls, but missed.

Then Falls and Luffman left the scene and King went to a telephone to call police, Chief Morris added.

Chief Morris credited his deputies with outstanding work in the investigation.

Morris said the deputies who broke the case, were C. E. Walker, W. C. Dean, A. M. Doss, C. W. Stamps, J. T. Helton and Donald Poole.

attack

Chief Morris said he wished to congratulate the six deputies "for the efficient manner in which they investigated the case." He said Dean headed up the investigation.

King was treated at Doctors Hospital for head injuries after the incident. The young woman was first taken to Bessemer General Hospital and then transferred to University Hospital.

Waitress Accuses 3

Post-Herald
By Joe Campbell, News staff writer
 MOBILE, March 27 (AP)—An unemployed waitress told police today three white men abducted her at gunpoint, held her captive more than five hours, robbed her of \$27 and criminally assaulted her.

Officers said the woman, in her late 20s, gave this account: She drove to a cafe where she formerly had been employed to get some money owed her. Then she went to another place and had a drink.

When she left the place about 11:30 p.m., the three men walked up as she was getting into her car and forced her into their automobile at gunpoint.

She said she tried to set fire to some loose clothing lying on the back seat but the men slapped her and she remembered little after that except the men stopped on a side road and all three assaulted her.

The girl said the men drove into Mississippi, then finally turned back to Mobile and let her out about 5 a.m.

White Youths Get 10 Years On Rape Charge

Post-Herald
By Joe Campbell, News staff writer
 MOBILE, Ala., March 29 (AP)—Two white youths who pleaded guilty to a charge of raping a Negro housewife were sentenced in circuit court today to 10 years in prison.

Judge David H. Edgington said he will rule April 29 on a probation application by Jessie D. Smith and H. L. Tucker, both 18, of suburban Prichard. They remained free under \$3,000 bond each.

The 29-year-old woman said Smith and Tucker, posing as officers, forced her into their car on Prichard street Dec. 12 and drove her to a rural road where they raped her. The rape conviction penalty is 10 years to death.

Slain Mother, 20, Assaulted Before Death, Says Expert

Post-Herald
By Joe Campbell, News staff writer
 COLUMBIANA, Ala., April 25 (AP)—A state toxicologist testified today that a young mother whom an ex-convict is accused of slaying was raped.

Charles Edwards, 40-year-old former convict, is charged with murder in the death of Mrs. Helen Odell Falkner, 20, and her 3-year-old son, Jerome, at their farm home near here last Oct. 26.

Edwards is being tried for the slaying of Mrs. Falkner. He has repudiated an earlier confession to officers that he stabbed Mrs. Falkner to death. He denied that he raped her.

Dr. C. D. Brooks, state toxicologist, told of finding several bruises about the young woman's head, one of which he said was severe enough to have rendered her unconscious. He estimated that death occurred 30 minutes after she received the blow on the head.

Brooks said she had been stabbed five times, one of the wounds piercing her heart. The toxicologist said the child suffered eight knife wounds.

Circuit Court Judge A. L. Hard-agree ordered a brief recess today when relatives broke into sobs as the shirt worn by Mrs. Falkner at the time of her death was introduced as evidence.

First witness to testify today was Mrs. Inez Abel, 40-year-old companion of Edwards at the time of the slayings. She also is charged with murder.

Mrs. Abel denied that she participated in the crime, adding that she had taken some narcotics and was sleeping in the car while Edwards was inside the Falkner home.

She said that he later handed her a knife and asked her to throw it from the car window.

The woman told of leaving Coal-burg, Ala., about noon Oct. 26, and driving with Edwards to the Falkner home. She said they had taken some narcotics, with a can of beer, and stopped at the Falkner home where they asked for water.

She said she had "passed out" in the car and did not know how long Edwards was in the house.

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White Man Sentenced In Assault, Intent To Rape of Race Woman

Post-Herald
By Joe Campbell, News staff writer
 JURY recommended only a two-year prison sentence for 19-year-old New Merkle boy, who was found guilty of assault with intent to rape a middle-aged Negro woman here by work.

John Barkley, the defendant, was convicted by a jury which read their guilty verdict before Circuit Judge Alta L. King, Thursday night, May 16. He was sentenced Saturday, May 18.

Deputy County Solicitor E. C. (Bud) Watson handled the prosecution for the state and woman-victim in the case of Barkley who was tried for criminal rape. Watson, however, asked the jury to find the defendant guilty but did not specify rape. Assault with intent to rape also entailed the rape charge, they said.

Shelton Gilbert, white, a companion of Barkley, already had pleaded guilty of assault and battery in the same case and was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in prison.

Wife Was Molested Prosecution Claims

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First witness to testify today was Mrs. Inez Abley 40-year-old companion of Edwards at the time of the slayings.

Mrs. Abel described a morbid life of burglaries, narcotic addiction, shooting sprees and other underworld activities.

Under questioning, she denied that she participated in the crime, adding that she had taken some narcotics and was sleeping in the car while Edwards was inside the Falkner home.

She said that he later handed her a knife and asked her to throw it from the car window.

The woman told of leaving Coalburg, Ala., about noon Oct. 26, and driving with Edwards to the Falkner home. She said they had taken more narcotics, with a can of beer, and stopped

at the Falkner home where they asked for water.

She said she had "passed out" in the car and did not know how long Edwards was in the house.

Charles H. Brasher, 13, told how he found a knife described as the murder weapon, which he turned over to Shelby Sheriff Hugh Sims.

At Bessemer—

Attack case defense seeks change of venue
By JOE CAMPBELL
News staff writer

BESSEMER, Ala., May 11—A series of fast-breaking developments may precede the rape trial Monday of an ex-convict and a 15-year-old industrial school graduate.

Court-appointed attorneys for one of them, Joseph Falls, 24, have indicated they will do all in their power to clear Falls, who was released last year from Kilby Prison where he served time on a burglary conviction.

FALLS AND YOUNG James Marvin Luffman, both white men, are charged with raping an 18-year-old woman in a wooded section near here on the night of Feb. 23. They are also scheduled to face trial on charges of assault with intent to murder and assault with intent to rob the young woman and Curtis King, 24, of 811 18th-st Bessemer.

Officers said the young woman remains paralyzed from a gun shot wound suffered during the attack. Whether her physician will permit her to testify, because of her condition, was not revealed.

Among the pretrial developments will be Circuit Judge F. R. Mathews' ruling on a motion for a change of venue. The motion was made by Norman and Vincent Brown, attorneys for Falls, who presented copies of The Birmingham News and The Birmingham Post-Herald at a hearing on the motion Friday. Judge Mathews took the motion under advisement until Monday.

The defense attorneys based their motion for moving the trial out of Bessemer on grounds that headlines in The News and Post-Herald Feb. 25 and 26 indicated Falls had confessed to the attack. They contend Falls made no such confession.

The Attorneys Brown contended that "local prejudice exists to such a degree it is impossible for the defendant to have a fair and impartial trial" in Bessemer. They said they will also present Monday further copies of The News in which more recent stories of the case have appeared.

Another aspect of the case is the filing of interrogatories to Dr. Berney S. Clay for written answers which the Browns said will be presented in court. Dr. Clay is currently serving a six months sentence in Atmore Prison on his conviction on charges of unlawful possession of barbiturates.

FALLS AND HIS WIFE were state's witnesses in Dr. Clay's trial last year. Mrs. Falls was indicted by a Grand Jury on a charge of unlawful possession of barbiturates, but her case was not pressed.

Asked to comment on the interrogatories Dep. Sol. Howard Sullinger said only that law requires he be given a 10-day notice when a request for one is filed.

The defense attorneys indicated their request for interrogatories was filed Wednesday or Thursday.

Atty. Edward Saunders, representing young Luffman, pleaded that the 15-year-old boy's trial be transferred to Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in contending that Luffman is a minor. Judge Mathews denied the plea for transfer.

Both Falls and Luffman when arraigned indicated they will plead not guilty by reason of insanity.

Two Bessemer White Men Held For Sex Attack On Negro Boy

BESSEMER, Ala. —(SNS)—Two Bessemer white men accused of allegedly beating and cutting an 18-year-old Negro boy and forcing him to commit an unnatural sexual act with one of them, remained in Bessemer County Jail in lieu of \$2,500 bonds each, last week-end, the sheriff's office said.

The men, identified as John W. Stivender Jr., 31, of 529 North 17th Street, and Richard H. Mulligan, 30, of 321 North Third Avenue, both white, of Bessemer, are booked on charges of sodomy and attempted murder. Mulligan was additionally charged with sodomy.

Stivender and Mulligan are charged with allegedly forcing Al-bert Pendleton, 13, North 9th Avenue, into an automobile near car. He said that when the small-19th Street and North Fourth Avenue, around 11:40 o'clock Thursday night, May 30, taking him to a remote area known as Coleman Lake, and beating and cutting him with a knife, after one of the men holding a pistol sexually attacked him.

The young victim, Albert Pendleton, of 131 North 8th Avenue, Bessemer, said that he was being along 13th Street near Fourth Avenue around 11:30 o'clock Thursday night, May 30, when the two men in a light green Plymouth car pulled up to a stop. He said one of the men, the larger of the two, pulled a gun on him and told him to "get in the car". He said that when the smaller of the two men started driving the car away, the other man forced him to take off his clothes. He said as the car was in operation, the larger man forced him to submit sexually.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Clyde Morris, who led the investigation and arrest, said Pendleton picked the suspects out of a police lineup, late Wednesday, June 5. Pendleton said that while the men were taking him to the stop where he was attacked, they forced him to pull off all of his clothes.

Other officers who took part in the investigations and arrests were Bessemer Police Chief George Bar-on, City Detectives Lawton Grimes Sr. and A. M. Eubanks and Sheriff's Deputies C. E. Walker and Walter C. Dean.

The suspects were arrested Wednesday, June 5.

Pendleton said that, upon arrival at Coleman Lake, an isolated area near the Tennessee Frms south of Bessemer, the car stopped and the men ordered him out. He said the men beat him with a hose pipe and later cut him with a knife.

Police records show that Pendleton suffered an eight-inch cut across his chest, two smaller cuts on the back and a bruised shoulder. Pendleton, after escaping his attackers, ran to a white family's home where he was given some clothing to put on. He reported his experience to the sheriff's office at 1:30 a. m. Friday, May 31.

Seek Whites For Crime Against Boy

BESSEMER, Ala. —(SNS)—County sheriff's deputies of the Bessemer division were still very busy last weekend and earlier this week seeking the whereabouts of two white men who are accused of allegedly sexually attacking and beating an 18-year-old Bessemer Negro boy in a wooded area near

here, one night last week. Deputy Walter Dean said that he and his fellow officers had no "new developments" in the case, late Saturday. They said the two white men apparently kidnapped the boy, forced him to submit to them sexually and then beat and cut him with a knife.

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By NELSON COLE

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It was Dunlap who reacted emotionally to most of the proceedings. Never testifying, the youth broke into tears toward the latter part of the hearing and stood sobbing while Judge Waller set his bond.

Atty. George Dean, who entered a plea of not guilty for Dunlap, asked Judge Waller if a lower bail might not be set since the grand jury would not convene again until November.

"Because of this family's financial condition I'm quite sure that under such a bond Dunlap will have to remain in jail until that time," he said.

The judge declined to reconsider the bail, however, and said the nature of the case precluded any lower bond.

TWO OTHERS BOUND OVER

Two other persons also were bound over to the grand jury yesterday from the lower court.

Bertha Moore, 411 Flood St., charged with murdering her husband, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over under \$1,500 bond.

Willie Wilson, 508 Auburn St., was charged with violating state whisky revenue laws and bond was set at \$500. He is accused

of transporting 21 five-gallon jugs of untaxed whisky.

Cecil Perry, 500 Holcombe St., was convicted of four accounts of false pretends and given 30 days at hard labor in each case. Judge Waller said the sentences were to run concurrently.

Nathaniel Robinson, 829 Murray St., was convicted of two charges of petty larceny and fined \$50 and costs for the first and \$100 and costs on the second.

Mazma Ben Gary, 2019 Luverne St., was sentenced to 30 days at hard labor for disorderly conduct; Robert W. Matthews, 3226 East St., \$25 and costs for reckless driving; Sam L. Myrick, 715 Orum St., \$25 and costs for vagrancy; James Tolliver, 533 Lincoln St., 30 days for escaping; and T. S. Walker, Deatsville, \$25 and costs for vagrancy.

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Woman Tells Of Assaults In Rape Trial

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 18 (AP)—A 17-year-old pregnant housewife testified today that two Prichard men raped her twice each after forcing their way into her small rented cabin Nov. 15.

The girl also said that one of the two, Jimmy E. McCurley, 25, also forced her to commit an unnatural act before he raped her a second time.

The rape trial of McCurley recessed late today after testimony by the alleged victim and her 22-year-old husband. The defendant from Recorder's Court on a charge of raping a 12-year-old girl, is scheduled to testify tomorrow in the circuit court trial.

Elmer Ray Brown, 29, also charged in the case is to be tried following the present hearing.

The young housewife said that McCurley and Brown came to her home early in the morning, forced their way in with threats and raped her twice each.

Her husband, a shipyard work-told the court the pair took turns holding a knife at his throat while the other was in the bedroom with his wife. He said they hit him a couple of times and ordered him to get on the floor and "act like a dog and bark like a dog."

"When they were ready to go," he testified, "they talked about cutting our heads off but I begged them to tie us up."

The husband said McCurley and Brown told them to get in bed pull the cover over their heads because they had a third person waiting outside.

Man held without bond in rape case

A young service station attendant was being held in County Jail today in connection with the rape of a Chalkville housewife last night.

Robert L. Crenshaw, 23, of 7702 Fifth-av. n. was held without bond pending preliminary hearings.

The housewife, 20, told sheriff's deputies she was alone at home when Crenshaw came there. They talked about an hour, she said, and Crenshaw choked her and forced her to submit to him.

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Woman Attacked, Saves Child

Admission 2-2-8
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Local Man Waives Extradition; To Face Rape Charge In Calif

BY OZELIA J DIXON

HOUSTON — A 22-year-old Houston and Fort Bend County man waived extradition and was carried back to Los Angeles Monday to face a rape charge made against him February 1 by a Latin American woman in Los Angeles.

Elimuel Cockrell, who gave his Houston address as 2209 Tuam, had been in Houston since February 6 from Los Angeles where he had been working when the alleged incident occurred.

In County Jail here facing a charge resulting from a dice game shooting Feb 13, the suspect denied in a sworn statement to Houston officers that he committed the crime. As a courtesy to the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, the Houston authorities dismissed the shooting charge against the suspect so as to permit him to leave immediately.

In custody of Lieutenant Kenneth I Harris, a detective in the Los Angeles Police Department, the suspect left Houston Monday by plane. Lt Harris is a Negro.

In a sworn statement before Harold Ostley, county clerk, in Los Angeles County, Mrs Pila Davis, 1125 West 30th Street, said she was beaten in a cab by the suspect, forced into a parked car, raped and robbed of a \$50 watch and of \$13 in cash.

The suspect was identified by the driver of the cab, Hugh Franklin Sublett, employee of the Yellow Cab company.

Mr Sublett pointed out a picture which answered the description given Los Angeles Police by the woman.

Mrs Davis said in her statement that she got off from work as a cook's helper in a restaurant and caught a "red car" from San Pedro. She then took a taxi from the bus station home about 2 a.m.

While she was in the cab, the driver picked up a man and went to a place in the vicinity of 1435 East 18th Street, she said. While in the cab, the man struck her

with his fists and choked her and then forced her out of the cab into a parked car in a driveway where she said the alleged rape took place.

In an interview with The Informer, the suspect, a slender, youth, obviously nervous and badly in need of a shave and a haircut, said he "almost finished high school" in his native Rosenberg, Texas. He again denied, Saturday, that he had any relationship with the woman by force. He said she consented for a price and the price was, according to him, \$5.

He had got off from work as a dishwasher at Aldo's and had been stopped by a policeman "to see if I was wanted," before he went into a cafe and saw the woman. He said the police officer had pointed out the cafe to him when he told the officer that he was looking for a good place to eat.

Inside the cafe there were two men and the woman. The woman was "trying to sell her body" to the men for \$20. The men told her they would not pay that much and one of them seeing him with money suggested that "May be that boy will buy from you."

"I winked at her and she winked back," the suspect said.

He said he then left the place and hailed a cab. When the cab turned a corner, he saw the woman come out of the cafe and walk down the sidewalk and he stopped the cab, got out and told the driver to circle around and pick him up again. He said he walked up to the woman and the two started walking along the sidewalk. She wanted whiskey and he promised to buy it for her. About this time the driver had come back and he and woman got into the cab.

The suspect continued that the fight in the cab resulted from his promise to buy the woman whiskey and was apparently too long doing so.

"She told me, 'you said you were going to buy me some whis-

key,' and struck me. I bumped her with my elbow in the side.... When the driver stopped, she kept raising sand about the whiskey and hit me again. I hit her back and she got out. I got out and we tussled and she dropped her purse and the things fell out of it.

"I picked the things up and put them back into the purse and we went and got into my brother's parked car that was in his driveway."

The rape charge was filed in the Municipal Court of Los Angeles.

The suspect, who says he is admitted that he had been arrested here and in Los Angeles on several occasions, all for gambling except for one case and that was a Houston case in which he was held on a misdemeanor involving family trouble over the little boy whom he says he loves "as if he was mine."

The dice game shooting, he said, resulted from crooked dice.

He said he demanded his money after he found out the dice were crooked and in the argument that followed he shot, but did not know he hit anyone, until the next day. He then gave himself up and was placed in jail where he remained until he was carried back to Los Angeles.

The man who was shot was reported only slightly injured.

The suspect said he had gone to Los Angeles last year before the month of May and had first worked at a barber shop. He had received a letter in January from his boss here in Houston that he was wanted back on his job and left Los Angeles for Houston by bus about five days after the alleged rape, the suspect said. But before he could get back on the job for an engineering inspection company laboratory, the dice-shooting incident had landed him in jail, he said.

Pictures in the Los Angeles Police Department from which the suspect was identified, were tak-

en on the occasions he was arrested for gambling there, he said.

3 Marines Held

On Rape Charge
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 7 (AP) — Three Camp Pendleton Marines were arraigned in Municipal Court today on charges of kidnaping and raping a mother of five children. Sgt. Harold Lee, 32, of St. Louis, Mo.; Sgt. John Edward Stough, 29, of Minneapolis; S/Sgt. Richard Lee Androsko, 27, of Puyallup, Wash. and Sgt. Carl Samuel Johnson, 26, of Dayton, Ore.

ARKANSAN ADMITS MOLESTING CHILD

Commercial Appeal
Man Held On Suspicion By
California Officers

Sun. 4-1-57
WEST COVINA, Calif., April 6 (AP) — Sheriff's officers said a light-skinned Arkansas man Sunday admitted kidnaping, molesting and beating 3-year-old Barbara Allen.

Kenneth Williams, 24, of Paris, Ark., was booked on suspicion of kidnaping. Williams, an instrument calibrator, has been living in nearby Alhambra since his recent arrival here.

Sheriff's Inspector Floyd Rosenberg quoted Williams as saying he took the girl from her mother's car, drove her to an orange grove in West Covina and then struck her with a rock because she screamed when he molested her.

The girl was kidnaped from Mrs. Duane Allen's car Friday in La Puente. Physicians at Covina Community Hospital say the child is in serious condition. She suffered a depressed skull fracture.

Williams was picked up in nearby Monte Vista, where he was found sleeping in his car. An all-points police bulletin had been broadcast for a man answering his description.

Mrs. Allen told police she left Barbara and 2-year-old Jimmy Allen in the car while she went to a nearby restaurant to cash a check. She said a man in his 20's sitting in a nearby auto offered to watch the children while she was gone. When she returned Jimmy told her the man had driven away with Barbara.

The little girl was found nude and unconscious an hour later at the edge of an orange grove near the South Hills Country Club. Besides the depressed skull fracture she has a shoulder injury.



MELVIN M. BAKKERUD AND TORTURE KIT.

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Man Admits Torture Rape Of Girl at San Francisco

News + Observer Sun. 8-4-57 P.1
 Raleigh N.C.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3 (AP)—Police said today a young man has admitted the "torture kit" rape of a girl in Golden Gate Park—a crime for which another youth has been held in jail 10 days.

Capt. *277-12* *Downe* *el* McKlem announced that physical evidence in the kit, including handcuffs, butcher knife, razor and glasses worn by the rapist, was found in the home of Melvin N. Bakkerud, 21.

McKlem said the 5-foot, unemployed warehouseman admitted the sadistic rape of a 19-year-old student nurse the night of July 20.

John Rexinger, 23, who steadfastly declared his innocence, said he was greatly relieved by Bakkerud's admission.

"I feel as though a steamroller has been lifted off my chest," said Rexinger who was still held for parole violation. Rexinger had served a term in San Quentin Prison on check charges.

The nurse, whose name has not been made public, previously had confronted Rexinger from her hospital bed and was quoted as exclaiming, "That's him, that's him, that's him!"

Today a hospital spokesman said the nurse was "kind of shaken" when told that a man other than Rexinger had admitted attacking her. The spokesman quoted the girl: "I never said for sure that he—Rexinger—was the man."

The nurse and her escort, John Lonergan, were accosted in their car in the park the night of July 20. At knife point, Lonergan was tied up, the girl was handcuffed, raped twice, and then tortured. Her hair was cut off and she was burned with a cigarette.

For Burglary.

Bakkerud was arrested on charges of burglarizing a pharmacy and with possession of narcotics.

Questioned about the rape, Bakkerud readily admitted his guilt, McKlem said, and remarked he was "glad it was all over."

McKlem quoted Bakkerud as saying: "I read a detective magazine story about a rape case. It told how the guy tied the girl up and raped her."

Asked why he had cut off his victim's hair, Bakkerud said, "I wanted her to look like me." He

had his hair shorn a year ago as the result of a head injury suffered in an auto accident.

McKlem said Bakkerud led officers to where he had hidden his "torture kit" in the basement of his home.

The kit, besides the handcuffs, knife, razor and glasses, contained a pillowcase with the nurse's shorn hair, two roles of tape with which the victims were bound, and two women's stockings.

The rapist wore a stocking on his head.

A wristwatch belonging to Lonergan also was found, McKlem said.

Dist. Atty. Thomas C. Lynch said Bakkerud, a 123-pound muscular youth who is an amateur weightlifter, would be booked on charges of robbery, kidnap and rape.

Massive Manhunt Sweeps Area For California Rapist-Killer

Advertiser Sun. 7-23-57
Montgomery, Ala.

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., July 22 (AP)—A vast manhunt was organized today for the gunman who raped a 15-year-old girl, stole a car and then killed two policemen who stopped him for a traffic violation.

Police from five neighboring communities on the southern fringe of Los Angeles joined in the search after the bodies of El Segundo policeman Richard Phillips, 29, and Milton Curtis, 25, were found at 2:30 a.m.

Phillips was shot three times in the back. Curtis, also shot three times, managed to crawl back into the police car and pass out a call for an ambulance over the police radio before he died.

His plea brought police cars racing to the scene within minutes, but the motorist already had vanished. The car he had been driving was found four blocks away. Its rear end was pierced by three bullets fired by the dying Phillips.

Police said the car had been reported stolen just an hour earlier by four teen-agers. The youngsters said a husky, blond gunman had surprised them in a lover's lane where they were parked, raped one of the two girls and then driven off in the car.

A wave of confusion swept in

the area immediately following the shooting and police chased down several erroneous leads. One such chase ended tragically when a 22-year-old man with no connection with the case was shot and critically wounded by police.

The victim, Oliver Majors Jr., of Lawndale, was driving a stolen car and refused to halt at their command, police said. The car was finally forced to the curb and Majors was shot in the abdomen as he got out and reached in his pocket, the officers said. He was unarmed.

Cop-Killing Rapist Hunted on Coast

World-July 22
By the Associated Press.

HAWTHORNE, Calif., July 22.—Two El Segundo police officers were found shot to death today where they had stopped a car for a minor traffic violation.

Authorities sought a man they believe attacked a 15-year-old girl in a lovers' lane earlier.

A widespread manhunt was joined by policemen from Los Angeles, El Segundo, Hawthorne, Manhattan Beach and

Hermosa Beach.

Car Found.

The car the two policemen had stopped was found abandoned.

Killed were officers Richard Phillips, 29, El Segundo, and Milton Curtis, 25, of Hawthorne.

Police said they pulled up behind the killer's car and Mr. Phillips got out to write a while Mr. Curtis remained behind.

Shot in Back.

Mr. Phillips was shot in the back three times, police said. Mr. Curtis leaped from the police car and was felled by bullets.

Before he died, Mr. Phillips fired six shots at the fleeing car. Three of his bullets were found in the car.

Mr. Phillips also managed to stagger to the radio in his car and gasp:

"Send ambulance."

Ambulance Too Late.

An ambulance arrived only minutes later, but it was too late.

Earlier today, police reported, a man had confronted two young couples in a parked car in a lovers' lane and forced them all to disrobe.

He ordered all but one girl back into their car, police said, and tied their hands behind their backs.

Assaulted Girl.

Then, officers said, he assaulted the girl who remained outside.

He climbed back into the car, started it and forced all four to walk naked ahead of the auto, threatening to run them down.

The youngsters said he sped off in their car about 10 minutes later. That was about an hour before the two officers were shot.



United Press Telephoto.

George J. Davies, accused of slaying 9-year-old Brenda Jane Doucette, covers up in Bristol (Conn.) police station.

Admits Killing Connecticut School Girl

May 5-20-57
Convicted Sex
Offender Confesses
Bristol Crime

By the Associated Press

BRISTOL, Conn., May 20.

Police said a convicted sex offender confessed today to the week-old slaying of 9-year-old Brenda Jane Doucette.

They said George J. Davies, 38, of Thomaston, admitted picking up the blonde third grader on her way to school, "with the intent of committing

sexual assault." New Haven County Detective Thomas Laden quoted Davies, the father of three children, as saying he "killed her when she began to scream," stabbing her repeatedly with a screwdriver and knotting her sweater around her neck.

Previous Record.

Davies was arrested on a coroner's warrant. It charges he killed the youngster after driving her to an isolated spot in nearby Wolcott.

Police said Davies had a previous record of morals offenses in Thomaston and Litchfield. They said he was arrested in 1952 and sentenced to three years in state prison for molesting two little girls.

He was paroled in August, 1954, and returned to live with his mother and father in Thomaston. His wife, who had borne him three children, divorced him while he was in jail.

Davies had been under suspicion in the slaying as long as last Tuesday, one day after the killing. He was picked up along with 50 other known sex

offenders and released after questioning. P. 11

Unemployed for Months.

Thomaston police described him as a drifter and said he had been unemployed for months. He was a machine operator and told police during interrogation that he had just

May 5-20-57
He was rushed to a hospital. His stomach was pumped out and he was released the next day. Police were waiting for him and took him into custody on a breach of the peace charge.

Investigators examining the rest of his testimony later found discrepancies and went to his home Friday. While they were there, Davies went to the bathroom and attempted suicide by taking six sleeping pills. He accepted a job in Winsted.

Man Freed In Rape of Child

Washington man was freed yesterday in a rape case involving a 12-year-old District girl, but his 17-year-old companion still faces a hearing.

Judge Nita S. Hinman Crane called in Upper Marlboro Juvenile Court there was insufficient evidence to hold Jimmie Rae Windham, 22, of the 300 block of Thirty-fourth street N.E., on a charge of assault with intent to rape.

She granted a continuance to the younger youth until January 29 in the same court. He is charged with rape.

Skating Rink Meeting

The Southeast Washington girl testified she met the two men at a Bladensburg skating rink on the night of December 28 and left with them about 11:15 p.m. She said they drove to Annapolis and, on the way back, stopped along U. S. Route 30 near Bowie, where the 17-year-old youth had relations with her. She said the other man did not attack her.

Judge Criticizes Parents

Afterward, she told the court, the pair drove her back into Washington and let her out about 1:15 a.m., when she called her parents. Prince Georges County Detectives Robert Cabral and John Wilding made the arrests about six hours later.

Judge Crane was sharply critical of the girl's parents, who accompanied her to court. She said they really should be the ones held responsible for their daughter's actions, but added she was powerless to do so "until such time as the State starts bringing action against parents."

"I can't imagine parents allowing a 12-year-old girl out by herself—a 12-year-old girl can't take care of herself" the judge said.

Airman

Arrested in Rape Case

Willis L. Grove, 24-year-old Fort Myer airman, was arrested yesterday in connection with the kidnaping and rape of a 22-year-old Government girl.

last December, Airman First Class Grove was picked up while on duty by Arlington Dets. William H. Dinsmore and Leroy J. Rasmussen. He was charged with felonious assault and abduction of the girl, a Department of Interior employee and modeling student.

Bond was set at \$10,000 on each count. The girl was walking home from a bus stop on Columbia Pike in Arlington on Dec. 4, when a man forced her into his car at knife point, she told police.

The man threatened and beat her during a terror-filled ride into Fairfax County, then attacked her after stopping the car near Centreville, Va., she told police. She said he then drove her back into Arlington and left her about three blocks from her home.

Grove, who lives at 818 S. Florida st., Arlington, has been stationed at Fort Myer since August. Previously, he was stationed in Korea and at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey. He is married and the father of a three-year-old son.

Grove's auto, a 1948 gray Plymouth sedan, was impounded by Arlington police. A warrant for rape will be obtained against Grove in Fairfax, according to Virginia State Trooper John G. Dula.

Boy Convicted Of Assault On Girl, 8

A 16-year-old boy was found guilty of assault yesterday in Juvenile Court, after a tearful little girl testified that he had thrown her on a bed and threat-

ened to hurt her if she "belonged" to him.

The girl, who is eight years old at the time of the offense, signed a police statement that she had come to the boy's apartment after he asked her to buy some groceries for him.

Later, when someone came to the door, the child testified she ran out.

A probation worker described the defendant, who was 15 at the time of the offense, as a maladjusted youngster who recently had to drop out of school to care for his ailing mother.

Taking into account that it was his first Juvenile Court appearance, Judge Edith H. Cockrill placed him on probation, warning him, "For a 15-year-old boy to take advantage of an 8-year-old girl is something that cannot be tolerated."

Youth Held In Assault On Girl, 5

Police Say Suspect Was a Guest in Home of Victim

A 19-year-old Silver Spring youth was charged yesterday with assault with intent to rape a 5½-year-old girl.

Montgomery County Police said they arrested Ronald Earl Hicks, of 1804 Lansdowne Way, about a half mile from the Silver Spring home of the victim. Hicks was held under \$7500 bond, police said.

According to detectives, the child's parents said they met Hicks in a tavern Friday night. The parents said the girl and another of their children were with them.

The parents said they took Hicks home with them and began a card game, according to detectives. Hicks later excused himself and left the room, the parents said. Detectives quoted the mother as saying she heard her daughter cry out, entered the child's bedroom, and found the suspect near the girl. Hicks fled and the mother telephoned police, detectives said.

Ex-Janitor Held On Rape Charge

An ex-janitor at Alexandria's Hunting Towers apartment was held for the March 7 grand jury Thursday on a charge of "statutory burglary with intent to rape" the wife of an Army lieutenant.

William A. Woodson, 22, listed at 36 Q st. ne., Washington, was ordered held at a preliminary hearing before Alexandria Police Court Judge James N. Colasanto.

Police said the woman, 23, claimed she was awakened in her apartment on Feb. 20 by a man who put a pillow over her head and made an indecent proposal. Judge Colasanto reduced Woodson's \$10,000 bond to \$5000.

Youth 17, Held For Grand Jury On Rape Charge

A 17-year-old youth was held for grand jury action yesterday on charges of housebreaking, robbery and rape. Juvenile Court waived jurisdiction before his preliminary hearing in Municipal Court.

Police said the youth, Raymond B. Echols, of 1434 Falls terrace se., had been identified by a 30-year-old woman as the man who attacked her at knife point after breaking into her home on April 10. Police said he was involved in another rape of a southeast Washington woman. Judge Andrew J. Howard Jr. ordered the youth held without bond.

Four Teen-Agers Face Grand Jury On Rape Charge

United States Commissioner James F. Splain ordered four teen-age boys held for grand jury action yesterday on a charge they raped a 33-year-old married woman on Feb. 23.

Last Friday Juvenile Court Judge Edith H. Cockrill waived jurisdiction in the case to District Court.

According to police, the boys—three 15 and one 16—told of attacking the woman near 9th

and E sts. sw.

Splain refused to set bond, since the boys are charged with a capital offense. The same charge against a fifth boy, James N. Lewis, 18, listed at 822 Springman ct. sw., is pending before the grand jury.

Youth Court Shifts Action In Rape Case

Jurisdiction Over 4 Juveniles Waived By Judge Cockrill

Juvenile Court Judge Edith Cockrill waived jurisdiction yesterday over four boys—one of them 16 years old and the others 15—charged with robbery and rape.

The youths are accused of the Feb. 23 rape of a 35-year-old novelty saleswoman in an alley off the 900 block of Liberty st. sw.

Police said the teen-agers, accompanied by James Nathaniel Lewis, 18, of 822 Springman ct. sw., took the woman's purse and then assaulted her. Lewis is awaiting grand jury action on charges of rape and robbery. The four boys appeared yesterday before U. S. Commissioner James F. Splain, who continued their cases until Tuesday. He ordered the youths held without bond.

Two of the 15-year-olds also are charged with a \$47 purse snatching Feb. 3 in the 400 block of 10th st. sw. Judge Cockrill agreed to hear this case.

Youth Shot by Policeman Held on Attack Charge

A youth who treated his own police said he took in a wallet, bullet wound after he was shot and with housebreaking. by a policeman was held today for assault with intent to rape a woman in her home.

Lt. Nunzio Bonaccorsy said Charles Leroy Douglas, 18, of the 1500 block of Massachusetts avenue S.E., admitted attacking and robbing Mrs. Charlotte Ferretti, 37, but denied any sexual motive. However, police said Mrs. Fer-

retti's clothing was torn from her body and that she was choked and beaten Monday in her home at 1212 East Capitol street.

Arrested in his bed at 11 o'clock last night, Douglas revealed that one of three shots fired by Pvt. James E. Simmons hit him in the left hip, coursed through the inner side of his right thigh and emerged from the front.

Pvt. Simmons had reached Mrs. Ferretti's home in answer to a neighbor's alarm in time to see a colored youth crash through rear French doors, leap from a 11-foot porch and dash through an areaway. The policeman fired three times, but he continued to run and outsped Pvt. Simmons in a three-block chase.

Douglas told police he washed the wound, and put a patch on it. He also had a slight cut on his head and right shoulder from crashing through the French doors.

Major credit for Douglas' arrest was accorded Pvt. Henry Trevathan of the United States Capitol police. He questioned a group of juveniles about a stolen bicycle which Douglas rode to the Ferretti home and later abandoned.

He was told the bike was stolen by Douglas' 14-year-old brother. When the latter was questioned at home, he put the finger on the 18-year-old. Detectives Orville L. Erfert, Thomas R. Russell and Walter G. Grant of the Ninth Precinct, then got the older boy out of bed and questioned him.

Last night Douglas was taken before Mrs. Ferretti, who is to leave the hospital today, and was identified, Lt. Bonaccorsy said. He also was charged with

17-Year-Old Charged In Rape of 2 Women

Post Times Herald Washington, D.C.
Apr. 10-23-57
A 17-year-old boy was arrested yesterday and charged with raping two southeast Washington housewives, one of whom was assaulted on Nov. 5, 1955, and the other on April 10 this year.

Police said the suspect, Raymond B. Echols, of 4434 Falls Terrace, se. also was charged with two counts of housebreaking in connection with the attacks.

Echols, who will be 18 on May 10, said he attempted to attack a 20-year-old housewife on the night of April 11 after breaking into her home in the 4000 block of D st. se., police reported. Police said Echols told them he fled when she screamed as he cut her on the chin with a knife.

Record to Age 12

Police said the youth had a housebreaking record dating back to when he was 12 years old. Detectives reported they recovered property stolen in four recent housebreakings in Echols' home yesterday.

Echols was arrested in the 4600 block of Benning rd. se. about 3 a. m. yesterday by 14th Precinct Pmts. Benjamin Chaplin and Carlton Rogers, who said the youth broke into a run when they halted their scout-car to question him.

Captured after a brief foot chase, Echols was taken to the 14th Precinct station and agreed to show detectives how he broke into the apartments where the two assaults took place, police said.

The youth was charged with breaking into an apartment in the 4800 block of Alabama ave. se. through a bedroom window on Nov. 5, 1955, and raping a 27-year-old Army civilian clerk after threatening to kill her with a knife.

Police said he also was charged with raping a 30-year-old housewife at knifepoint about 3 a. m. on April 10 after breaking into her basement apartment in the 4300 block of Texas ave. se.

Questioned in Lee Case

Homicide Squad detectives said Echols was being questioned in connection with the

April 10 rape-murder of 8-year-old Valerie Lee, whose mutilated body was found the following morning in brush near a spur railroad track not three blocks from her home at 5013 Jay st. ne.

Deputy Police Chief Edgar E. Scott said Echols was held without bond in the Receiving Home pending investigation of the story the youth told police of other housebreakings and attacks on women.

Police said Echols, a 5-foot-9, 180-pounder, told them he had completed seven years of schooling and that his only occupation was singing with amateur groups.

Divorcee Tells of Beating At Rape Attempt Trial

Post Times Herald Washington, D.C.
Apr. 1-4-57
Trial of a truck driver on an attempted rape charge was to resume today in Arlington Circuit Court, where an attractive divorcee yesterday related her four-hour ordeal during the October 28 attack.

The defendant, Lawrence P. Owens, 45, faces a possible death penalty if convicted by the all-male jury.

Owens was accused by the 37-year-old woman of battering her with his fist during the attack in a rooming house at 2231 North Wakefield street.

Fighting back tears during two hours of testimony yesterday, the woman haltingly related how Owens awakened her at 2 a. m. as she slept in her room.

Fought Back
She said she fought off his advances, although he choked and beat her, tore her night clothes and pursued her from one room to another in the two-story house, from 2 a. m. to 6 a. m.

The landlady was out of town, the victim said, and Owens, who also had a room in the building, was not at home when she locked up the house and went to bed.

Defense Attorney Edward J. Skeens, in an opening statement, told the jury Owens did not attempt to rape the woman but had sought to obtain her consent.

Over defense objections, Judge William D. Medley allowed color

Nine Witnesses Heard

The prosecution rested its case late yesterday after calling nine witnesses, including a physician who treated the woman for her injuries at Arlington Hospital.

Mr. Skeens said he would not call witnesses but may ask that the jury be ordered to view the scene before closing arguments are made today.

Among prosecution witnesses

were John Sadoti of 2060 North Belmont street, Arlington, who said he received a call from the woman shortly before 7 a. m., when she asked him to come to the rooming house and take her away. He testified the woman, an old friend, "appeared very nervous, and her lip was swollen from a cut on the inside."

Woman's Cries Rout Attacker

Post Times Herald Washington, D.C.
Wed. 7-24-57
A youthful intruder who attacked a 22-year-old mother of three children ran out her back door yesterday after neighbors pounded on the front door in answer to her cries for help.

The victim told police the assailant came to the door of her apartment near 18th and Wyoming ave. nw. about 2 p. m. and asked if she had any odd jobs. She said no and closed the door.

When she entered her bedroom, she said, she heard a noise, turned, and saw him. Police broadcast a lookout for a Negro, 18 to 20, 6 feet 1, wearing dungarees and a blue plaid shirt.

Five Teen-Agers Indicted in Rape

Post Times Herald Washington, D.C.
Apr. 6-25-57
Five teen-agers, the oldest 18, yesterday were indicted on charges of raping a 30-year-old married woman last February 23.

Those charged in a true bill returned by a grand jury in United States District Court are:

James N. Lewis, 18, of the 800 block of Springmans court S.W.; Theodore Simms, 16, of the 900 block of F street S.W.; Wilbur Brandon, jr., 15, of the 900 block of E street S.W.; John Settles, 15, of the 900 block of E street S.W.; and Robert B. Smith, 15, of the 400 block of Six-and-a-half street S.W.

According to police, the victim was attacked while walking with a male companion. Both had been drinking, police stated. The alleged rape was said to have occurred in the rear of the 900 block of Liberty street S.W.

In another case, a woman and two men were indicted on charges of operating a numbers game. The three were arrested last March 28 after a police raid on the woman's home in the 3300 block of Upland terrace N.W.

Police said they seized \$1,200 in cash and a quantity of number and race bet slips.

Those indicted are Mrs. Gertrude Fralleone, Richard L. Cooper, 43, of the 1200 block of D street N.E., and Lee E. Morrow, jr., 34, of the 1300 block of Independence avenue S.E.

BEDWELL IS CHARGED IN FLORIDA ASSAULT

Free in Illinois Deaths, He
Faces New Threat

CHICAGO, March 4. (UP)—

Bennie Bedwell, within one step from freedom in the murder of two Chicago teenaged sisters, was arrested Monday on charges of criminally assaulting a 13-year-old girl in Florida.

Bedwell, who celebrated his 21st birthday Monday, thus escaped the threat of the electric chair in Illinois only to face a similar fate in the South.

The illiterate Skid Row drifter was freed of charges that he debauched two young sisters, Barbara Grimes, 15, and Patricia, 13, and left their naked bodies to freeze.

A fugitive warrant signed by Justice Wallace R. Smith of Lyons Township, Fla., charged Bedwell with holding a 13-year-old girl prisoner three days.

Florida authorities confirmed the girl had identified Bedwell as the "Bennie Bidwell" who assaulted her.

Bedwell was hustled back into jail despite his lawyer's protests. Bond was set at \$100,000.

At Deland, Fla., Sheriff Rodney B. Thursday said Bedwell had been identified as the carnival worker, who, with a friend, abducted two young girls last March 9.

Three days later Sheriff Thursday said, the girls were found abandoned in a house trailer. A 17-year-old youth was later picked up and married one of the victims. The other girl identified a picture of Bedwell as her assaulter this week end, Sheriff Thursday said.

White man held in Negro's attack

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 23. (AP)—A 21-year-old Pensacola white man was charged Saturday with raping a 20-year-old Negro girl last Wednesday.

Jailed without bond was Edward James Carlisle Jr., Chief Sheriff's Investigator Bill Lynch said. Carlisle was picked up by deputies at Dothan, Ala., and returned here.

He said the girl had given this account:

She was stopped on a Pensacola street and asked if she wanted a job as a housemaid. She replied that she would and was taken to an unoccupied house in the Lynn Haven subdivision. She was raped there and then driven to her home.

Lynch said a physician confirmed the girl had been raped.

Chicago Suspect To Go to Florida On Rape Charge

Chicago, May 23. (AP)—Edward "Bennie" Bedwell was ordered extradited to Florida today for trial on a charge of raping a 13-year-old girl more than a year ago.

He had sought to escape extradition through habeas corpus proceedings in Criminal Court. Judge Wilbert F. Cooney, however, refused to release him.

Bedwell, 21-year-old Skid Row habitue, once was charged with a part in the murder of the teenage Grimes girls of Chicago. He was arrested on the Florida charge minutes after the murder charge was dropped.

Authorities of Volusia County, Florida, accuse him of rapping a De Land girl on March 9, 1956, while he allegedly was traveling in Florida with a carnival. Bedwell insisted he was not in Florida at the time.

Florida Asks for Bedwell

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 8. (AP)—Gov. Leroy Collins today requested Illinois for the return to Florida of Edward Lee (Bennie) Bedwell to answer a rape charge.

Bedwell was arrested on the Florida charge in Chicago immediately after he had been freed on a charge of murdering

two teen-age girls, the Grimes sisters.

Bedwell, 21-year-old odd jobs worker, is accused of criminally assaulting a 13-year-old girl March 9, 1956 at Deland, Fla.

Sheriff Rodney B. Thursday said the victim had identified Bedwell as a man with whom she, a girl friend and another young man spent three days when Bedwell was employed on the midway at the Volusia County Fair at Daytona Beach last year.

Girl Admits Rape Story Was Hoax

Tampa, Fla. —All was forgiven in the case of a 16-year-old girl, angry with her parents, who stripped nude and claimed she had been attacked by a man police first thought was a sex maniac. It turned out to be a hoax.

The girl was found by her father Wednesday, nude, bound, and gagged and supposedly beaten when he returned home to lunch. Police immediately mustered forces to scour the neighborhood for a Negro man, acting on the girl's story.

But after an afternoon of interrogation, it was revealed that the girl made up the whole story, because, as detectives put it, she wanted some sympathy. Her parents had made her break a date.

The girl, who also scratched and bruised herself to make her story sound concrete, was hospitalized but medical authorities said her injuries were "not serious."

Her father collapsed at the hospital when she told him of the alleged attack and it took two doctors to revive him.

Arrested Hours too Late

Herald Miami Fla. V. B. I.

FBI Nabs Child Assault

Sat. 10-26-57

By TOM LOWNES
Herald Staff Writer

After a week of searching, Miami FBI agents finally caught up with a convicted pervert Friday — just hours too late to prevent the rape of a nine-year-old Homestead girl, sheriff's deputies said.

FBI men arrested 40-year-old Harold Bartlett Piccott, in Fort Lauderdale in the April assault of a six-year-old in Pennsylvania, not knowing Dade deputies were looking for him also.

The agents said they first tied Piccott to the Homestead case after reading a description in Friday's Herald.

Piccott was later identified by the Homestead child as the man who had raped her late Thursday.

The girl picked his photo from a group of 15 as she lay in a Homestead hospital bed. She was badly mauled by her assailant.

The girl told John Tyler, director of the Dade Criminal Bureau of Investigation she was bicycling home when a man drove up, told her he had a sick child in his car, and asked directions to a hospital.

He then apparently drove around the block, returned to the girl, and asked her to accompany him "to the hospital."

Instead, he drove her to a spot four miles west of Krome Ave. on Avocado Rd. and assaulted her.

Piccott waived extradition to Pennsylvania after a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Roger E. Davis. He will be held on \$10,000 bond for the April rape charge and an ad-

ditional \$10,000 bond on charge of interstate car theft.

FBI men who questioned the unemployed cook before hearing said he made an oral confession to the rape of the six-year-old in Pennsylvania. They said he did not seem aware he had been identified and charged with the Homestead rape.

Piccott told them he escaped from the Hanover, Pa., jail while being booked for the attack on April 19.

He said he crawled through a window in the jail's men's room, then stole a car and fled to Raleigh, N. C.

Piccott, a slight man, was convicted of auto theft in 1924; of abusing female child in 1937; of rape of a 12-year-old in Massachusetts in 1944. He has served more than 10 years for sex crimes.

Piccott had been living at 1410 NW 55th Ter. under the alias of William MacKay.



PICCOTT April assault of a six-year-old in Pennsylvania, not knowing Dade deputies were looking for him also.

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Atlanta Woman Tells Police White Men Molested Her

Atlanta, Ga. (AP)—A woman who allegedly molested her Wednesday morning and threatened to send her to jail if she did not accept their advances.

GEORGIA ROUNDUP

The woman was told at police headquarters.

The woman charged that the two men said they had come to her house to take her to jail because she had skipped bond. She reportedly informed them that she had not but offered to go along with them to get things straightened out.

After getting into their car and recognizing a Negro man she knew, the complainant said the men drove to South Street near the new expressway where the Negro got out of the car.

She said she refused their advances and propositions and when they threatened to take her to jail if she did not do as they, she countered, "Take me to jail."

She said the men let her out of their car at Woodward and Hill streets because she was screaming.

Pair Held in Jefferson On Complaint of 2 Girls

JEFFERSON, Aug. 22 (AP)—The office of Jackson County Sheriff John B. Brooks reported Thursday that Aubrey Lee Crumley, 24, of Winder and Robert Payne, 24, Athens, were being held without bond on charges of raping two different girls.

Deputy C. H. Spence said Crumley, already under \$5,000 bond on federal liquor conspiracy charges, was arrested Tuesday on an accusation that he raped a 12-year-old girl at the home of his mother.

The girl required medical treatment. She lived nearby and said she just happened to wander into the house. Crumley made no statement.

Spence said charges against Payne were filed in behalf of a 15-year-old Athens girl.

She was quoted as saying Payne picked her up in his car as she walked into town last week to shop, took her to a secluded spot on the Jefferson River road in Jackson County and raped her.

Payne denied that he raped the girl.

2 Youths Held In Assault On Girl, 14

GAINESVILLE, Ga. Aug. 12 (AP)—Detective Lt. Ned Singleton said Otis Monroe Williams, 22, of Rte. 2, Lula, and an unidentified juvenile are being held without bond in Hall County jail in connection with alleged rape of a 14-year-old girl.

Singleton said the two forced the girl to drink liquor and bow to their demands on threats of throwing her younger brother into Lake Lanier.

The girl's mother swore out the warrant, the officer said.

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4 Charged in Rape Of Nude Swimmer

WIESBADEN, Germany, July 11 (AP).—The United States Air Force in Europe charged four of its men with raping a German woman who went swimming in the nude June 30 in an abandoned gravel pit.

Miss Liselotte Hurduss, 34, a secretary, said she was assaulted by eight American airmen while she and three male German friends had an early morning swim in the water-filled pit at Offenbach, near Frankfurt, Germany.

No date has been set for the trial.

The official Air Force release pointed out the maximum penalty for rape is death under United States law. Under German law, the maximum penalty is 15 years at hard labor.

The Air Force identified the accused men as Airman 3/c Richard A. Kemple, 19, of St. George, Utah, and Airmen 2/c David L. Hearle, 20, of Newark, N. J.; Donald L. Harrington, 20, of Farmington, Mo., and Lee R. Burns, 20, of Bedford, Tex.

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of C. Employee, 50, Raped and Robbed in Apartment

Chicago Tribune
Feb. 2-25-57
A 50 year old University of Chicago employe told police yesterday that she was terrorized, attacked, and robbed in her south-side apartment yesterday morning.

The victim, who lives alone, told Detectives Lyden Kernohan, John McGrath and Ralph McGrath that the assailant held her captive for nearly an hour. During the assault, she said the attacker placed a piece of surgical gauze to her face, pouring a substance, believed to be chloroform, on the gauze. The assailant fled with \$100 in cash, the victim's wristwatch, and a Chicago, Ill.

Notices Drapes Move

The woman said she awoke shortly before 5 a. m., thought she heard the sound of rain, and left her first floor bedroom to investigate. She said she noticed the drapery of her bedroom window rustling when she returned.

On separating the drapery, she said she saw a man behind the drapes. Despite a burglar alarm, he had been able to open the window sufficiently to crawl in.

Tries to Escape

The woman said she attempted to flee, but the assailant caught her, demanded money, and took \$30 from her purse. When the man indicated he intended to assault her, she said she fled. She was caught in the kitchen and dragged into the living room where she was raped she said. The assailant, described as a Negro of medium build, then forced her home, took \$70 that

had been concealed under a newspaper in a bureau in the bedroom, and then fled.

2 POLICEMEN SEIZE RAPIST ON SOUTH SIDE

Chicago Tribune
Feb. 3-8-57
A 19 year old purse snatcher and burglar was seized by police at 1800 W. 63d st. early yesterday in a chase after he raped a 23 year old mother of two children whose clothing he flashed with a knife.

The rape was admitted in a statement signed by Ronald Freeman of 888 Hudson av. He also orally admitted four other recent rapes, but retracted when asked to sign a statement, the police said.

Freeman was captured by Policemen Donald Barrett and James O'Malley, members of a 42 man police detail which has been covering the area bounded by 55th st., 63d st., Ashland av., and Damen av. because of the other rape cases.

Sees Him on 'L' Train

The latest victim, who works as a waitress in a Loop restaurant, told the police that she saw Freeman on the elevated train she took from work, and on the bus to which she transferred.

After alighting from the bus at 63d and Paulina sts., she said she hurried on hearing someone following her, but tripped as she reached an alley. Freeman, she related, then threatened her with a knife, and when she screamed forced her into the alley.

Four Shots Fired

Neighbors who heard the screams phoned police. Freeman was leading his victim out of the alley when Barrett and O'Malley arrived. They fired four shots in a three and one half block chase before Freeman surrendered.

A four inch fish scaling knife and a flashlight were found on Freeman. He is a former Montefiore social adjustment school pupil who was sent to the Illinois Training School for Boys in Kane county for burglary and the Illinois Industrial school in Sheridan for purse snatching.

The rapes that Freeman admitted, then denied, included those of a mother of five children and a 17 year old girl, both in the Chicago Lawn district. The other two occurred in the Austin and Hyde Park districts.

'FRANK' NAMED IN RAPE ATTACK

Chicago Tribune
Feb. 2-7-57
Woman Tells How She, Fiance Were Kidnaped

William C. Willingham Jr., "Frank" in Bennie Bedwell's story of Grimes sisters' slaying, was identified in his Bridewell hospital bed yesterday as one of two men who kidnaped a 22 year old west side woman and her fiance, drove them to Joliet, and raped the woman last Oct. 19.

The woman also was to view Bedwell, who has retracted his confession in the slaying of the Grimes girls and is seeking release on a writ of habeas corpus.

Led Thru Ward

Willingham, serving a disorderly conduct sentence, is

being treated in Bridewell hospital for arthritis. The woman was led thru his ward, accompanied by Policeman Frank Cody of the Austin district and Patrick Egan, assistant state's attorney.

The woman said she was "positive" Willingham was one of the two men who threatened her and her fiance with a knife as they sat in her fiance's auto in front of her home.

She said they used the fiance's auto, taking turns at the wheel, in the drive to Joliet, then returned to the Austin district and freed their captives where they had been seized.

Complaint to Be Signed

Egan said Willingham was unaware he was being viewed by the woman yesterday. The woman was to sign a complaint later. Her fiance also was to view Willingham.

The woman said she saw Willingham's picture in THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE and telephoned Policeman Cody as a result.

Finds Wife, 62, Raped, Slain in Flat

Chicago Tribune
Feb. 4-7-57
An elderly housewife was slain and apparently raped in her apartment yesterday while her husband worked on a yard not far from their home.

The victim was Mrs. Jeannie Johnson, 62, of 6428 Kimbark av. Her husband, Elrich, 66, a janitor, found her dead on the dining room floor when he returned for lunch.

Capt. John Golden of Woodlawn police said Mrs. Johnson's head had been bashed

in with a heavy weapon. Her neck bore marks that indicated a cord had been tightened around her throat.

Skirt Pulled Over Head

The victim's skirt was pulled up over her head and face, and Detectives Thomas McEntee and Frank Lynch said she apparently had been raped.

A wallet belonging to her and another owned by her husband were found, empty, on a table. Johnson told police the wallets had contained between \$75 and \$80.

Johnson said he left home in mid-morning to work on a yard in the same block. Working with him was another janitor, Rudolph Schenk, 49, of 1434 E. 60th pl. Johnson said his wife went out to pay a utility bill and buy some groceries, and exchanged pleasantries with him on the way home.

Neighbor Hears Thump

A neighbor told police she heard a noise, which might have been made by a body falling, around 11:30 a. m. but heard no screams and did not investigate.

The Johnsons' third floor apartment is reached via a common hallway for it and another apartment. A glass pane in the hallway door had been broken. Police surmised the intruder then induced Mrs. Johnson to open her apartment door thru some ruse.

Mrs. Edith Fitzpatrick, who lives on the second floor of the apartment building, said a man knocked at her door Monday asking for Mrs. Johnson.

Killer Leads Cops to Site of Her Grave

Chicago Tribune
Feb. 5-1-57
The body of Mrs. Mildred Grigoris, 36, a Gary beauty shop operator missing since last Aug. 7, was found buried near New Chicago, Ind., yesterday after the confessed



Mrs. Mildred Grigoris

slayer led Lake county, Ind., sheriff's police to the scene.

Sandor Singer, chief deputy in Lake county, said George Robert Brown, 25, an East Gary construction worker, admitted he robbed her and then strangled Mrs. Grigoris, who lived at 2500 Riverside dr., East Gary. The conditions of her clothing indicated sexual molestation. Her beauty shop was at 4449 Broadway, Gary.

Brown told police that he threw her body down a 10 foot embankment and covered it with rocks, and said he admitted returning to the scene, near an airport, several times and throwing garbage over the rocks to hide the body.

Denies Other Slaying

Brown denied any connection with the slaying of Lana Brock, 16, of 2138 Pulaski rd.,

New Chicago, whose body was found Oct. 2 in a shallow sand grave about half a mile south of Mrs. Grigonis' grave.

Brown was being held on auto theft and grand larceny charges when he confessed slaying Mrs. Grigonis. He had



been sentenced twice before on intent to rape charges and in 1952 was committed to Norman Beatty hospital in Westville, Ind., as a sexual psychopath.

He escaped twice from the hospital, but was captured each time.

Victim's Auto Stalls

Brown, who is married, found Mrs. Grigonis with her auto stalled on U. S. 6 near the east limits of New Chicago and near the entrance to Cole Sky airport, a small and little used field. Brown offered her a ride, then took her to the spot where the body was found.

The Brock girl apparently had been beaten and buried alive. Sand was found in her lungs by investigators. Sheriff Jack West said Brown will be questioned again about the Brock killing.

Brown confessed the Grigonis slaying Saturday night, but police were unable to find the body until he was taken to the scene and pointed out the grave.

The body of Mrs. Grigonis, who was the mother of a 9 year old son, was identified by her sister, Miss Donna Karonovich, 430 E. 6th av., Gary. Mrs. Grigonis' car was recovered the night of disappearance.

Tells of Rape and Burial of Girl, 16

George Robert Brown, 25, East Gary construction worker, yesterday confessed the rape slaying of Lana Brock, 16, of 2138 Pulaski rd., New Chicago, Ind., whose half naked and battered body was found Oct. 2 in a shallow grave on a lonely dusty road between Hobart and East Gary.

The confession came 24 hours after Brown's admission that he killed Mrs. Mildred Grigonis, 30, of 2500 Riverside dr., East Gary, Aug. 7 and buried her body in a rock grave about half a mile north of where the Brock girl's body was discovered.

Brown, who was being held on auto theft and grand larceny charges when he admitted the Grigonis slaying, had steadfastly denied the Brock killing. He confessed, however, after being taken to the grave site.

Leads Police to Grave

The body of Mrs. Grigonis, who operated a beauty shop in Gary, was not uncovered until Tuesday when Brown lead Lake county, Ind., sheriff's deputies to the grave in which he had buried her after robbing and strangling her. The condition of her clothing indicated she had been molested sexually.

Brown has been sentenced twice on charges of intent to rape and in 1952 was sentenced to Norman Beatty hospital in Westville, Ind., as a sexual psychopath. He found Mrs. Grigonis with her auto stalled in U. S. 6 near east limits of East Chicago.

Brown told Sandor Singer, chief deputy in Lake county, that he was sitting in the woods in a pickup truck owned

by his stepfather, John Reed, when he saw the Brock girl last Sept. 24.

Digs Grave with Shovel

Brown said he forced her into the cab of the truck, where he beat and raped her. After strangling her, he took a shovel from the truck and buried her.

Miss Brock had been reported missing when she failed to return home after being sent to Hobart to pay a utility bill.

When she left her sister, Judy, 19, who was baby sitting in Hobart, she told her that she would take the family's accustomed short cut home thru the mile long wooded path on which she met Brown.

Tries to Quiet Her

Singer said Brown was questioned about the Brock killing because of his record and the fact that he was left handed. Singer said that police believed a left handed person killed her because the right side of her face was beaten severely.

Brown said he beat her to keep her quiet when a another truck came by after he had forced her into his truck.

Before confessing the Brock killing, Brown had taken Singer and other deputies to his home at 3217 E. 36th av., East Gary, where they found two bankbooks, a red wallet, and a clothing store credit card belonging to Mrs. Grigonis.

The articles, together with a bloody pair of undershorts belonging to Brown, were dug from the front yard of the home, where Brown lives with his wife, Helen, and son, Larry, 3 months, his stepfather and mother.

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Added To Grimes Sister Suspects— Sex Killer Also Admits He Buried A Girl Alive

CROWN POINT, Ind., May 1 (U.P.)—A "sex mad" killer of women confessed his second murder in 24 hours today—the attack slaying of a 16-year-old girl he buried alive in a desolate sand dune.

The killer's wife was arrested and held as a possible accomplice in at least one of the murders and Chicago authorities planned to question him about the unsolved killings of two sisters whose nude bodies were found in a ditch.

The confessed murderer is George Robert Brown, a diminutive, 25-year-old Gary, Ind., steelworker and former inmate of a mental institution, where he was described as a "sex maniac." His wife, mother of one child, also is a former mental patient.

After a day of ceaseless questioning, Brown made an oral confession that he lay in wait for a pretty New Chicago, Ind., teen-ager, Lana Brock, last Sept. 24, attacked her and choked her, *as he said.*

He then threw her body under an overhanging sand dune and stomped tons of sand onto the girl's still-living body. When it was discovered last Oct. 2, the girl's lungs were filled with sand, indicating she died of suffocation.

Brown's confession was a macabre sequel to his admission yesterday that, only 25 days before the Brock murder, he abducted, attacked and strangled a Gary, Ind., beauty shop operator, Mrs. Mildred Grigonis, 30. He buried her in similar grave in the desolate dunes country, only two miles from the spot where the Brock girl was to be buried alive.

The series of murders was uncovered because Brown could not resist the urge to return constantly to Mrs. Grigonis' grave and dump garbage on it as "no one could find her." *Neighbors spotted him at the grisly task, and, when he was arrested on car theft charges three weeks ago, tipped off police.*

Brown confessed the first murder and led deputies to the hidden, white-clad skeleton. He denied the Brock murder until police got a report that his wife had known of his

Brown, his face encrusted in a scraggly beard and sporting luxuriant sideburns, then led Lake County authorities from the county jail here to the exact spot where the Brock girl's body was discovered by chance.

Brown's confessed sexual frenzy made him a suspect in another unsolved murder, that of two sisters in Chicago, only 40 miles from Gary, *as he said.*

Cook County sheriffs and state's attorney's investigators went to Crown Point to question Brown about Barbara Grimes, 15, and her sister, Patricia, 13. They left their Chicago home to see a movie last Dec. 28 and their naked frozen bodies were found in a ditch Jan. 22.

The Chicago authorities also planned to grill Brown about another unsolved multiple child slaying — that of three young boys whose nude bodies were found in a ditch in October, 1955.

Married Man Gets 15 Years In Rape Case

Courier-Journal
Thurs. 1-24-57
Louisville, Ky.
J. P. Rosenbarger
Found Guilty by Jury

A 20-year-old married man was found guilty of rape by Criminal Court jury yesterday. His punishment was set at 15 years in prison.

John P. Rosenbarger, 422 Ohio, was charged with raping and raping a 14-year-old girl in a wooded area in the 2400 block of Mellwood on November 25.

The girl testified that Rosenbarger beat her about the face and twisted and sprained her wrist.

He Denies Charge

Rosenbarger denied assaulting the girl. He said he was out with another woman at the time the alleged offense took place.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Henry Sadlo said Rosenbarger refused to plead guilty and take a 10-year sentence. The maximum penalty for rape is death.

In another Criminal Court case, a murder charge against Pat R. Herring, 52, of 26 Bella Lane, was filed away with leave on motion of the Commonwealth.

Can't Find Out What Happened

Herring was charged with killing a neighbor, John Smith, with a shotgun September 15 near Herring's home.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Laurence Higgins said he was unable to "find out what happened in the case." None of the witnesses seemed to be able to tell, he added.

Woman Raped; 2d Threatened

Courier-Journal
Mon. 5-6-57
A 22-year-old woman told police yesterday that she was raped in a car parked on Dumont near 15th at 11:15 p.m. Saturday.

The woman said she was waiting for a friend to return to the car when the man entered. She said he cut her clothes with a knife.

Police said her description of the man corresponded with one furnished by a 35-year-old woman

who said a man attempted to attack her 2 hours earlier on Dixie Highway near Kentucky. She said her screams frightened the man away.

Prowler Is Terrorizing Valley Village Women

Courier-Journal
Mon. 7-29-57
Residents Say Youth Whistles Off-Key Tune At Homes, Pesters Them With Phone Calls

A T-shirted, youthful prowler who whistles "a little off-key tune" has been terrorizing Valley Village subdivision residents for the past three weeks.

And the neighborhood—off Dixie Highway at Watson Lane—is literally up in arms, residents reported yesterday.

The prowler has been fired at at least once.

And he so frightened the pregnant wife of a City fireman, Mrs. John Honadel, that she fainted.

Dog Trapped In Flares

County police have been called to the area several times, but have been unable to catch the prowler. On one occasion, police rigged trip flares to wires to try to trap him, but the only thing they trapped was a wandering dog.

"It's terrifying . . . when you're alone with your children," Mrs. F. R. Ferris, Wilken Way, said.

"And it's strange," she added. "He bothers the women whose husbands work at night or are away a lot of the time. He seems to know."

Whistled Outside Window

Mrs. Ferris' husband, a construction man, is frequently out of town, she said. When he is, she is alone at home except for her mother-in-law and two young children.

She said the prowler has come twice to her home. The first time was Wednesday night, when she heard him whistling "a little off-key tune" outside the bathroom window. Later, she said, three concrete blocks were found against the outside wall of her house, beneath the window.

The next night, "while I was sitting at the kitchen table writing a letter to my husband, I heard him whistling outside the

window again," she said. This time she called police, but they found nothing.

Pestered by Phone Calls

Mrs. Ferris said she and other residents, also have been pestered by phone calls, apparently by the prowler. As soon as she picked up the phone, she said, the caller hung up.

"Everybody's nerves out here are a little bit on edge," Mrs. Ferris continued. Residents are "walking around at night carrying shotguns," she said.

The subdivision has no street lights.

City Fireman John Honadel said that about two weeks ago the prowler came to a window of his home while he was away

and his wife fired a shot at him.

After that, he said, his wife began receiving threatening phone calls from the prowler.

"I'm Going To Get You"

"You're the one that shot at me; I'm going to get you . . ." Honadel quoted the caller.

At 2:30 a.m. Friday, after receiving the last of seven calls from the man, Mrs. Honadel collapsed. County police took her to General Hospital for treatment.

Saturday, the fireman said, Mrs. Honadel received 13 calls from the mysterious man. Then at 1:30 a.m. yesterday, she saw someone standing outside her bedroom window. But when Honadel's dog began barking and whining, the prowler ran away.

"Came Out With Shotguns"

Honadel said there are about

500 homes in the subdivision. Several residents have got a good enough look at the prowler to give police a description of him.

"He's about 5 feet 8 or 9, slender, about 160 pounds," Honadel said. "He has dark hair and usually wears a white T-shirt and blue jeans."

Honadel said the man is in his mid-20's.

The fireman said that when the dog tripped the flares rigged by County police to catch the prowler, the area lighted up brightly.

"You ought to have seen them (residents) come out of their houses with shotguns," Honadel said.

9 Charged With Mass Attack On Teen-age Woman, Girl, 15

Courier-Journal
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PIKEVILLE, Ky., Aug. 22 (AP)—Nine youths yesterday were charged with the mass rape of a teen-age mother and her sister-in-law, 15, which police said was witnessed by perhaps as many as 100 persons.

The alleged rapes took place in a remote community of Pike County early Sunday morning.

State police Det. E. L. Cornett said Everett Spurlock, 23, Grundy, Va., was driving with his wife, Gladys, 19, his 15-year-old sister-in-law and his two young children when he saw a flat tire.

Cornett said a car carrying the youths then drove up and one of them beat Spurlock and forced him to flee.

The detective quoted Mrs. Spurlock as saying she was raped "four or five times" while her children were still in the car. He said the woman's sister told him she was raped "eight or nine times."

Cornett said the women's screams attracted a group to the scene and that witnesses told him as many as 100 persons were there. He said they were afraid to approach the car because of fear the youths might be armed.

Charged with rape were Carl Ferrell, 22, of Freeburn; Phillip Smith, 23, Coleman, Ky.; Harold Dotson, 22, Freeburn; Thurman Dotson, 18, a brother of Harold; and two 15-year-olds. Rape charges also were filed against three other youths being sought.

All the arrested were jailed without bond.

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LAKE CHARLES BASE

White AF Officer Accuses Negro Of Assaulting Wife

LAKE CHARLES, La., Oct. 19 — A white Air Force officer today filed aggravated rape charges against a Negro airman accused of assaulting the officer's 25-year-old wife after escaping a mental ward.

District Atty. Edward Shaheen identified the airman as Odell Sandlin, about 25, assigned to the 4th Field Maintenance Sqdn. at Lake Charles Air Force Base here.

The incident happened at the officer's home on Oct. 15, the district attorney said, and Sandlin was transferred today from Air Force custody to the Calcasieu Parish jail.

Shaheen said Sandlin was held without bond to await a grand jury investigation. An aggravated rape charge is punishable by death on conviction in Louisiana.

This is what happened, the district attorney said, according to his own investigation and that of the Air Force, which took the case without publicity during a one-day time lapse.

Doctors confined Sandlin to the Air Force base hospital after he was found in a coma. Sandlin escaped through a latrine window early Oct. 15. He appeared at the woman's door west of the base about 10 a.m. that morning.

Sandlin asked to be returned to the base hospital. The woman, seeing he was badly shaken, asked him to come into the kitchen and have some coffee.

After putting on her housecoat, the woman went to her bedroom and dressed. As she stood in the bathroom before a mirror, Sandlin came to the door. He said:

"Lady, I escaped from the hospital. I grabbed the woman as she left the bathroom, pulled her into the bed and threatened to kill her if she resisted."

The woman said she quit struggling because she feared for her life and her baby daughter. Sandlin attacked her, then went into the living room, sat down, and held his head in his hands. She

The woman said she got her husband's .22 caliber revolver, held it on Sandlin, and started to call the police. He came toward her. She pulled the trigger three times. The first two bullet chambers were empty.

The third time the gun fired, but the bullet missed Sandlin. He wrested the gun from her and returned to the chair, trying to open the weapon, she said.

The woman's husband telephoned from his duty post on the air base. He said he was coming home to change clothes. She told Sandlin her husband would be home in 10 minutes. Sandlin locked the door and sat down again.

Sandlin said he wanted to go back to the hospital, then that he didn't. He changed his mind several times. The woman began dressing her baby for the trip.

Sandlin asked the woman again how to open the gun. She showed him how to eject the bullets. He grabbed her and assaulted her again.

Sandlin repeated his request to return to the hospital. This time, the woman took her baby and Sandlin, and drove him to the base gate. She had to promise the airman she would tell authorities he came to her home sick and she brought him back.

She said Sandlin kept repeating: "I'm sorry, lady. I'm sorry."

The woman had to be placed under sedatives. Authorities were unable to question her until yesterday morning.

The district attorney said he was not given Sandlin's exact age nor his hometown. Air Force authorities said Sandlin was treated a week earlier for nervousness and headache and he seemed confused after regaining consciousness from the coma. He was awaiting sentence on conviction by a court martial of the unauthorized use of government property.

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BOY REPORTEDLY CONFESSES RAPE YOUTH BOOKED ON RAPE CHARGE

(Special to The Times-Picayune)
NEW IBERIA, La., March 24
A 15-year-old New Iberia
youth has been charged with
aggravated rape of a 19-year-old
woman.

The youth is in the Iberia parish
jail.

The crime of which he is
charged is a capital offense and
carries the death penalty, ac-
cording to Chief of Police An-
drew Viator, who said he have
obtained a complete signed con-
fession from the boy and positive
identification has been made by
the woman."

The boy was arrested Satur-
day.

The victim reported to police
last Monday night that she got
off a New Orleans bus and was
walking down French st. to her
home when she was forced at
the point of a knife to go into a
cemetery with the youth.

Accused Rapists Freed on Bond

(Special to The Times-Picayune)
MONROE, La., Sept. 25—Three
Ouachita parish men charged with
aggravated rape of a 15-year-old
girl Sept. 8 were ordered released
on bond of \$500 each following a
preliminary hearing in Fourth Dis-
trict court Wednesday. The hear-
ing was held before Judge Jesse
Bord.

Bonds were fixed for L. J. An-
derson, 26, James M. Robertson
26, and Richard J. Swaggart
25.

The three were arrested by the
Ouachita parish deputies several
hours after the alleged assault oc-
curred on the Prairie rd. south of
Monroe.

Six persons took the stand Wed-
nesday in the preliminary hearing.
Their cases will be heard by the
Ouachita parish grand jury, which
begins its regular fall session
Oct. 6.

Condition of Victim Is Still Serious

An aggravated rape charge
against Louis M. Vinet, 17, 1621
Teche, Algiers, was accepted
Monday by the Orleans parish dis-
trict attorney's office.

He is charged with the Thurs-
day assault on a 3-year-old girl,
who was taken to Charity hospital
in serious condition after being
thrown against a brick wall.

Assistant District Attorney Jim
Garrison accepted the charge af-
ter receiving a police report from
juvenile bureau officers Peter
Burtchaell, Charles Jonau, and
Vincent Lore. Aggravated rape is
a capital offense under Louisiana
law and is punishable by death.
No bond is permitted in any capi-
tal case.

Vinet was arrested by Fourth
(Algiers) District officers about
2:30 a. m. Saturday and was
booked at the First District with
aggravated rape.

Police said Vinet's 15-year-old
brother and the 10-year-old brother
of the girl victim saw Vinet
walking in an alleyway carrying
the 3-year-old child. When the
girl's brother screamed, Vinet al-
legedly threw the girl against a
brick wall and fled on his bicycle.

Vinet signed a statement admit-
ting attacking the child, police
said after his Saturday arrest.

When the attack occurred, Vinet
was free on a \$750 bond awaiting
trial on a carnal knowledge
charge in connection with an at-
tack on a 14-year-old girl. He was
booked Oct. 29 with aggravated
rape but the district attorney's of-
fice accepted the lesser charge
(carnal knowledge) and recom-
mended the \$750 bond. Carnal
knowledge is punishable by im-
prisonment with or without hard
labor for not more than five
years.

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MARYLAND

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San Jose, Calif., April 11
 The FBI has arrested a 31-year-old father accused of raping a 13-year-old Maryland girl. FBI Special Agent H. G. Foster said James Arthur Christman of nearby Sunnyvale is charged in a federal complaint filed March 18 at Baltimore with fleeing Maryland to avoid prosecution for rape.

Prince Georges Hunts Rapist

Prince Georges County police today were searching for a man accused of raping and severely beating an 18-year-old District girl after pretending to help her.

The victim told police the man stopped her as she came out of an employment agency in the District yesterday morning and volunteered to take her to a place where she could get work at a soda fountain. Instead, police said, he drove her to a woods near Landover and attacked her.

The attack occurred on Bright road just off Landover road, police said. Afterward, the man drove off leaving the half-conscious victim behind. Police said the girl dragged herself 1 mile to the home of Mrs. John Riggles, 68, of 8720 Landover road.

Mrs. Riggles said the man had cut the girl's face with glass and left her for dead.

Police took the girl to Prince Georges General Hospital where she is in satisfactory condition.

Detective Capt. Charles N. Thomsen said the fist beating "left every bit of the girl's face badly bruised and closed on eye."

Police broadcast a lookout for a light-skinned colored man, about 5 feet 6 inches tall, of medium build, in his 20s, wearing a white short-sleeved sport shirt and dark trousers. The victim could not give a description of the car, police said.

The victim lives in Southeast Washington with her parents and came to the city seven years ago from Argentina, police said.

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MASSACHUSETTS

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Five Men Held On Rape Charge

Post + Times Herald
HYANNIS, Mass., July 8 (AP)

Five men, three of them soldiers, were held in \$60,000 double surety each today after pleading innocent in District Court to charges that they raped an 18-year-old Worcester girl on a Barnstable beach last Friday. *7-9-57*

The girl's name was withheld by police. Charged with conspiracy to rape and rape were: Pvt. Emile Miles Jr., 23, of Detroit, Earl G. Elliott, 24, and Nathan Andrews Jr., 20, both of Hyannis, Pvt. Maurice G. Jackson, 22, of Richmond, Ind., and Pvt. Andres G. Burgos-Dias, 20, of Puerto Rico.

The three soldiers were on summer duty at Otis Air Force Base in nearby Falmouth, but are permanently stationed at Fort Devens.

State Police Detective Lt. John F. Dempsey said that all but Miles admitted the assault after their arrest yesterday. The girl identified them as her assailants.

The girl said she was attacked while she and her boy friend were taking an early morning swim at Hathaway's Pond in Barnstable. She said they had police permission to take the swim.

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MICHIGAN

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Ex-Con Says He Killed Child, 6

Post-Herald
Det. 6-22-57
Birmingham, Ala.
DETROIT, June 21 (AP)—State Police Lt. Howard Whaley said today that Produce Worker Lawrence Richard Turner had admitted orally the slaying of 6-year-old Mary de Caussin last week. Turner, 50, was a neighbor of the de Caussin family.

Whaley said Turner, a former convict who was arrested Wednesday, made the statement to Detective Lt. Bill Shaffer and Detective Sgt. John Ware.

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Mary disappeared from her home in suburban Ecorse township June 12. Her battered and cut body, her wrists bound together, was found in a wooded area near her home the next day. She had been raped.

Turner was released from Michigan State Prison at Jackson last December after serving 15 years on a rape conviction.

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State police said Turner told them the little girl fell and struck her head while in the produce market where he worked. The fall knocked her out and Turner feared trouble, state police said, so he put her in a produce bag and placed it in the back room of the store.

Later her body was moved outside the store, police said and that night she was taken to the wooded area.

Police said Turner told them the body was cut up to give the appearance of a sex killing.

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Gunmen Hold Family of 3 Rape Mother

DETROIT, April 5 (AP)—Three gunmen terrorized a family for more than two hours today and fled with a radio, a television set, a car and \$702 after raping a mother and molesting her 11-year-old daughter.

Police said the three men, two of them armed and wearing handkerchiefs over their faces, attacked Clifford Orr, 33, when he parked his car in his garage.

The trio beat Orr, who was returning home from work, and forced him to let them into his house. Orr's dog started to bark and the men beat the animal to death with their guns.

They awakened Orr's wife, Cazella, 40; his daughter, Shirley, 11, and a roomer, Eva Eden, 63, and led them to a library on the first floor where all were bound.

The trio started to ransack the house, taking \$702 from Orr, \$200 from his wife and \$100 from Mrs. Eden.

Youth Attacked 26 Women Killing One, He Admits

DETROIT, May 29 (AP)—Homicide Detectives Charles Schwabacher and Kenneth Perry said a 17-year-old youth told them today of attacking 26 women in the past two months and slaying one of those who resisted.

The detectives quoted Raymond Harris, Detroit, as saying he raped seven of his victims and cut three of them with a knife when they fought him.

Harris was held for investigation in the death May 18 of Mrs. Ola Mae Moore, 31. He said the attacks occurred on Detroit's near Northwest Side.

"I'm glad I'm caught," the detectives quoted Harris as saying. "I was getting more vicious all the time."

Police Hold 2 In Sex Killing Of Detroit Girl

DETROIT, June 13 (AP)—Slashed and beaten, 6-year-old Mary de Caussin was found slain today in a wooded suburban area 10 miles southwest of Detroit.

The killer ripped off most of the little girl's clothing, slashed her throat, bashed in the back of her head, tied her hands behind her back and left her to bleed to death under a clump of grassy weeds.

Richard Novak, Wayne County sheriff's detective, said the girl apparently was the victim of a sex deviate. An autopsy was ordered.

Police began a roundup of known sex offenders in downriver suburban communities.

Ecorse Township Police Chief Bentley Gahovetz said two men had been booked for investigation of murder. They were Orville Dible, 45, an itinerant photographer who posed children with a pet donkey, and Richard Stessen, 18, an iron worker who lives in the township.

The girl disappeared yesterday evening from a street near the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund de Caussin Jr., in Ecorse Township.

The parents called police when the child failed to return at dinner time. Thousands of volunteers joined in an all-night search.

The body was found at 11 a.m. today at the end of a dirt road in a heavily wooded area about 2½ miles from the De Caussin home.

The girl's father, a technical writer for the Ford Motor Co., had a foreboding of tragedy after the all-night search and said bitterly: "I wouldn't blame the man as much as the society which produces such men. It's a society that allows sex magazines on newsstands for kids to read; a society that measures Hollywood stars by their bosoms, and a society where the telling of dirty stories and the use of foul lan-

guage is commonplace. These things produce sex perverts out of people who have the slightest abnormal tendencies."

At the time the body was found, the parents were at home with their parish priest, the Rev. James C. Curtain, of St. Pius Roman Catholic church. Mary was a first-grade pupil at the parish school.

Mary was the oldest of four children. She was the granddaughter of Edmund J. de Caussin Sr., deputy chief of the Detroit Fire Department.

Teen-Ager Admits Kidnap Rape Of Two Teachers In Michigan

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Oct. 16 (UP)—A teen-ager today admitted the kidnap rape of two young high school teachers, one of whom had flunked him in English. Police said he left the teachers naked and bound in the horse stall of an abandoned barn.

The youth, Robert Leroy Ball, 18, a barn several miles from the scene of the attack. The sheriff included kidnapping, rape, assault said Miss Snyder had flunked Ball in English last year and then turned down repeated requests for a date.

His two victims, Judith Snyder, 24, and Rita Murray, 22, both teachers at Dowagiac High School, were admitted to De Me-morial Hospital for treatment. Both had been beaten savagely.

Sheriff Kenneth McLeod said Ball gave this account of the attack: While walking near the school last night, he saw Miss Snyder's car in the school's parking lot. He went home to get rope, wire and a knife and then returned and climbed into the rear seat of the car. When the two women, who

had been teaching adult education classes, got into the car, Ball forced them at knifepoint to drive to a wooded area four miles from town. Then he ordered them to remove their clothes and bound both with the wire. After raping them, Ball said he propped the teachers against the side of the car and beat them with his fists. Then he shoved both into the car's trunk.

Ball said he left Miss Snyder in a partially constructed cement block house and left Miss Murray lying under it. Miss Snyder freed herself and stumbled to a nearby farm house, where she reported the attack. Ball, meanwhile, drove Miss Snyder's car back to the parking lot and left it after locking it. Returning home, Ball hid the teachers' purses in the basement and went to bed. Police found him asleep when they picked him up for questioning.



ROBERT LEROY BALL
Kidnaped Teachers.

Youth Admits Beating, Raping 2 Teachers And Leaving Them Bound Nude in Woods

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Oct. 16 (UP)—A teen-ager today admitted the kidnap-rape of two young high school teachers, one of whom had flunked him in English. Police said he left the English teacher naked and bound in the horse stall of an abandoned barn in the woods.

The youth, Robert Lee Ball, 18, faced an array of charges that included kidnaping, rape, assault and battery, car theft and robbery.

His two victims, aged 24 and 22, both teachers at Dowagiac High School, were admitted to Lee Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Both had been beaten savagely.

Sheriff Kenneth McLeod said Ball gave this account of the attack:

While walking near the school last night, I saw the car in the parking lot. I went home to get rope, wire and a knife and then returned and climbed into the rear seat of the car. When the two women, who had been teaching adult education classes, got into the car, Ball forced them at knifepoint to drive to a wooded area four miles from town. Then he ordered them to remove their clothes and bound both with the wire.

Ball said that after he ravished the two, he propped the teacher against the side of the car and beat them with his fists. Then he shoved both into the car's trunk.

Ball left the English teacher in a barn several miles from the scene of the attack. The sheriff said she had flunked Ball last year and then turned down repeated requests for a date.

Ball fashioned a crude shelter in a partially constructed cement blockhouse and left the other teacher lying under it.

The English teacher freed herself and stumbled to a nearby farmhouse where she reported the attack.

Ball, meanwhile, drove the English teacher's car back to the parking lot and left it after locking it.

Returning home, Ball hid the teachers' purses in the basement and went to bed. Police found him asleep when they picked him up for questioning.

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MISSISSIPPIAN FREED ON ASSAULT CHARGES

Others Face Trial in Case

Involving Negro Girl

MAGNOLIA, Miss., March 28.

(UP)—A circuit court jury

Thursday night freed Olen Duncan, 24, of charges he raped a

Negro girl who claimed

she was kidnaped from her home

by Duncan and three other white

men.

The jury deliberated two hours

and three minutes.

Duncan's cousin, Duroa Dun-

can, 22, was scheduled to stand

trial on a similar count Friday

but the trial was postponed until

Wednesday.

The Duncans and two white

brothers, Ernest Dillon and Ollie

Dillon, all of Walthall County,

face charges they abducted the

16-year-old girl from her farm

home near here, took her to a

swamp and raped her. Dates for

the kidnap trials will be set next

week by Circuit Judge Tom

Brady.

Ernest Dillon, 26, entered a

guilty plea to a reduced charge

of attempted rape shortly be-

fore he was to go on trial.

His brother, Ollie Dillon, is

charged only with aiding in the

abduction of the girl last May.

Olen Duncan did not take the

stand in his defense. Judge

Brady denied a defense motion

asking the case be thrown out

for lack of evidence.

Prosecuting attorneys were

unsuccessful in introducing as evi-

dence a statement signed by the

defendant that he had intimate

relations with the girl. The de-

fense charged that Olen Duncan

was told he would be freed

under bond if he signed the state-

ment but Sheriff Bill Andrews

testified no such promise was

made.

The girl claimed the four men,

posing as law officers, took her

from her home and raped her

in a nearby swamp.

Mississippi Roundup—

20 Years Given In Assault Attempt

MAGNOLIA, April 5 (U.P.)—

Ernest Dillon, 26-year-old white

man, was sentenced to 20 years

in Parchman State Penitentiary

today for the attempted assault

of a teen-age Negro girl and ad-

monished by a staunch pro-seg-

regation judge for causing "bit-

ter condemnation" of Missis-

sippi.

Circuit Judge Tom Brady, an

active leader in the Mississippi

Citizens Council, handed down

the sentence which was recom-

mended by a jury.

Dillon pleaded guilty to the

charge last week after it was

reduced from criminal assault

to attempted assault.

Brady also disclosed that the

girl, her mother and uncle were

consulted before the charges

against Dillon were reduced.

The judge told Brady he had

"brought disrespect on your

family and bitter condemna-

tions of Mississippi and the

people of this area."

Dillon and his brother, Ollie,

and two cousins, Olen Duncan

and Duroa Duncan, were

charged with kidnaping the 16-

year-old girl from her home near

here and attacking her in a

swamp on the Bogue Chitto

River.

The trial of Duroa Duncan, 22,

on the assault charge ended in

a mistrial at 11:15 p.m. last night

when a jury reported it was

deadlocked after three hours de-

liberation.

County Prosecuting Attorney

Joe Pigott announced he would

be tried again at the October

term of court. All four men

face kidnaping charges at the

October term.

Ollie Dillon entered a plea of

insanity yesterday and Brady, on

the recommendation of two phy-

sicians, committed him to the

state mental hospital at Whitfield

for examination.

A jury acquitted Olen Duncan

of attack charges last week.

20-YEAR TERM GIVEN

FOR ASSAULT ON GIRL

White Mississippian Admits

Attacking Negro

CHARGE IS REDUCED

MAGNOLIA, Miss., April 5.

The admitted ringleader of four

white men accused of abusing a

16-year-old girl was sentenced

Friday to 20 years at hard labor

and told his actions "had brought

bitter condemnation on the State

of Mississippi."

Circuit Judge Tom Brady pro-

nounced the sentence against 30-

year-old Ernest Dillon, Tyler-

town, who last week was allowed

to plead guilty to a reduced

charge of assault with intent to

rape.

Dillon, one of three men ac-

cused of assaulting the girl, had

been held on assault charges

since the May 13, 1956, incident.

Judge Issues Rebuke

"I hope you realize that what

you have done not only has

brought disrespect on your par-

ents and family but also bitter

condemnations on the State of

Mississippi and the people of this

area," Judge Brady told Dillon.

The judge said the state prob-

ably will "come in for a whole

lot more of vitriolic abuse from

people who hate the South" as a

result of the case.

Judge Brady disclosed for the

first time that the Negro girl,

her mother and her uncle were

consulted before the charge

against Dillon was reduced.

Judge Brady said the three Ne-

groes told him they did not want

Dillon to suffer the death pen-

alty and agreed 20 years was an

"appropriate" punishment.

Rape is punishable by death in

Mississippi.

Mental Test Ordered

One of the other defendants,

Ollie Dillon, 45, the only one of

the four charged only with kid-

nap, was ordered taken today to

Whitfield State Mental Hospital.

His attorneys have filed a "sug-

gestion of insanity" plea and two

local doctors who made a pre-

liminary examination at Judge

Brady's instructions said the

Whitfield examination was justi-

fied.

The assault trial of Duroa Dun-

can ended last night in a hung

jury and a mistrial declaration

but Dist. Atty. Mike Carr said

he will try him again in October.

Duncan's cousin, Olen Duncan,

was acquitted of assault charges

last week. All four are to be

tried in October on kidnap

charges.

Mississippi

men freed

in sex case

McCOMB, Miss. — In a state

where colored men have been

condemned to death for similar

crimes, two white cousins ac-

cused of the alleged kidnap

criminal assault of a teenage

colored girl here 18 months ago

were freed recently.

Circuit Court Judge Tom P.

Brady, a White Citizens Coun-

cil leader and author of the

anti-integration book-

let, "Black Monday," set Olen

and Duroa Duncan free under

jurisdiction of the state parole

board for five years.

Four white men were charg-

ed in the action. All of them

were charged with kidnapping

and all except one charged

with criminal assault. The oth-

er two men in the case are Ol-

lie and Ernest Dillon, also re-

latives.

Olen Duncan was acquit-

ted of the assault charges last

March and received a two-year

suspended sentence for the kid-

nap charge. Duroa Duncan al-

so drew a two-year suspend-

ed sentence on the kidnap

charge and was allowed to

plead guilty to a lesser offense

on the assault charge.

For the lesser offense, "un-

lawful fornication with a mem-

ber of another race," he re-

ceived a two-year suspended

sentence.

Ernest Dillon, the alleged

ringleader, was sentenced to

only 20 years in prison after

pleading guilty to the lesser

charge of "assault with intent

to commit criminal assault."

THE COURT handed down

the light sentences despite the

fact that the girl testified that

she was forced into the woods

at gunpoint where she said the

men attacked her.

At the time of their arrests,

officers, quoted the men as

saying they toured beer joints

looking for women and went to

the rural home of the girl after-

ward.

For his part in the alleged

incident, Ollie Dillon was in-

dicted on kidnap charges and

sent to a mental hospital where

he was described as "a sufferer

of a schizophrenic reaction of

the paranoid type."

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Young White Lawyer Member Prominent Family Charged With Rape Of Negro Girl

Charged With Statutory Rape; Freed Under Bond Of \$2,000

Pascagoula, Miss., June 10.—(Special)—The eyes of Mississippi Negro citizens, the memory of the Pike County case still fresh in their minds where four white men, in a drunken spree took a teen-age Negro girl from her rural home and raped her, only to have the charges reduced to escape the full penalty of the law, were turned towards this thriving Mississippi Gulf Coast city last week when a United Press report revealed that a young white lawyer here, on May 28, has been charged with the statutory rape of a 17-year-old Negro girl baby sitter.

The accused is Attorney Bernard Gautier, member of a prominent Jackson County family, who graduated from the law school of the University of Mississippi last year.

According to reports, Gautier was arrested on affidavit of the young Negro girl's parents and released on \$2,000 bond when the charge was reduced to statutory rape.

According to reports, the girl, who is a member of a highly respected Negro family, described by teachers of the out-of-town parochial school she attends as being of high moral character, told her parents she was forced into the act.

According to reports, the incident which was revealed for the first time last week when it was found on the court docket by a United Press reporter, took place on the night of May 27 when Gautier took the girl home from baby-sitting.

The parents of the girl, according to reports, said her body was covered with ant bites received during the act. They also said they have been unable to find an attorney in Jackson County to take

the case, adding that the girl was examined at a local hospital the night of the incident but they have received no report from the doctor who made the examination.

According to reports, Gautier was charged with the rape in an affidavit filed by the girl's parents on the following day, May 28. He waived preliminary hearing before making bond of \$2,000 binding him over to await the action of the Jackson County Grand Jury and disposing of the case in the justice of the peace court.

The bond was signed by E. H. Bacot and Hermes Gautier, former State Senator and the defendant's uncle.

When the United Press report was published authorities here were reluctant to talk about the case.

According to reports, District Attorney Boyce Holleman said he had not yet received the case and referred questions to County Attorney Donald Cumbest who said he had heard about the charges but knew nothing first hand. He referred the questions to Justice of the Peace John Henly, who said, he did not want to give out anything on the case for the reason that it had not been completed.

SEIZED MAN ACCUSED OF BIGAMY AND RAPE

Hazlehurst Welder Is Also Charged With Desertion

HAZLEHURST, Miss., Oct. 8. (UP)—A welder who has lived here for three months with a wife and three children was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Tuesday on charges of bigamy, wife desertion and rape.

He was identified as Clifford Earl Burton, 32, of Kentucky. The FBI said he was arrested in Los Angeles on one count of bigamy, one of wife abandonment and child desertion and four counts of rape. He had been sought for four years.

Burton told officers he had seen his picture on a "most wanted" television program a few weeks ago.

The FBI said he has been married to his present wife four years. They have three children and another on the way. He is accused of deserting a wife and

child in Los Angeles.

He came here three months ago using the name Clifton E. Wilson and got a job as a welder for a flooring company.

Officers said he was known here as "a good citizen with a fair living." Town Marshal Herbert Deaton said Burton was "quite surprised" when arrested and his wife "seemed upset." Officers did not disclose how Burton was traced here.

TRUCK DRIVER HELD IN ASSAULT ON GIRL

Memphis Teen Curtis Myers Of Flora Is

Accused Of Attack
COMPANION IS JAILED

A 30-year-old truck driver was jailed in Canton, Miss., yesterday morning on charges of criminally assaulting a 12-year-old girl runaway from Memphis on Saturday night.

Curtis Myers was arrested in the Tolarville community in Holmes County and turned over to authorities in Canton. He is accused of assaulting the girl near Flora, Miss., after picking her and a 15-year-old hitchhiking companion up earlier in the day.

En Route To Jackson

The two girls slipped away from their homes about 1 a.m. Saturday and caught a ride to Tchula, Miss. They said they were on their way to Jackson to visit the older girl's aunt.

In Tchula they were picked up by Meyers and his brother-in-law, Paul Davis, about 25, in a gravel truck, officers said. The girls said they rode with the two men to Bee Lake north of Flora where they exchanged the truck for an automobile.

Both men are married and have children.

After changing vehicles, the girls said, the men had a few drinks and they went on to the outskirts of Flora where the assault occurred.

The girls said Davis left the car before Myers assaulted the 12-year-old. Officers said, however, that both men are being charged with assault.

Older Girl Slapped

The older girl was slapped about the face and suffered a head bump when she got out of the car before the younger girl was assaulted, officers said. Presumably the slapping was the basis for the assault charge against Davis.

Yazoo County Sheriff James H. Moore said Myers was arrested while unloading furniture after moving over the week end from his Pascagoula, Miss., home. Davis was arrested at the gravel pit in Holmes County where both had been employed as truck drivers.

A hearing will be held late this week at Flora before Justice of Peace Lamar Stephenson. The date has not been set.

Mississippi Roundup

Two Arrested In Attack On Girl, 12

CANTON, Miss., Aug. 12 (U.P.)—Two Holmes County fathers were jailed here today in the alleged Saturday night criminal attack of a 12-year-old Memphis hitchhiker near Flora.

Holmes County Sheriff Andrew P. Smith arrested Curtis Myers, 30, and Paul Davis, about 25, in the Tolarville community 10 miles southwest of Lexington and turned them over to Yazoo County Sheriff James H. Moore who brought them here.

Madison County authorities said Myers was charged with criminal assault and Davis with assault. They were held without bond for questioning.

Moore said the men admitted picking up the girl and her 15-year-old companion in Tchula Saturday but denied the attack.

The two men, both former Yazoo County residents, were hauling gravel near Tolarville. Davis was arrested leaving a pit with a load of gravel and Myers was found moving furniture into a new home here. Both men are married and have children.

The investigation began Sunday when the frightened, crying victim was found by police on Highway 49 near Flora.

The girls told City Marshal J. B. McCraney they ran away from their Memphis homes early Saturday afternoon and hitchhiked a ride to Tchula. There they said they were picked up by two men in a pickup truck, the driver of which later committed the assault.

They said one of the men left the truck before the attack. All that were available — and found no similar occurrence.

The closest thing to it was the week-end exactly a year ago when one traffic death was recorded.

Runaway Girl, 12, Accuses Ride-Giver

Daily News
Jackson, Miss.
YAZOO CITY, Miss. (AP) — The search for a young man accused of raping a 12-year-old runaway girl from Memphis switched today to the Mississippi Gulf

8-12-57
Yazoo County Deputy Sheriff W. T. Stubblefield said the fugitive, described as about 21 years old, has been identified as a resident of Pascagoula, Miss., and said authorities there have been asked to pick up the man.

An older man who accompanied the hunted man in a truck which picked up the two girl hitchhikers is believed to be a former Yazoo or Holmes County resident and is being sought in North Mississippi.

The alleged rape occurred on the outskirts of Flora Saturday night after the two men picked up the two Memphis girls near Tchula. Flora Marshal J. B. McCraney said the 12-year-old girl and her 15-year-old companion slipped away from their Memphis homes Saturday.

The older girl told officers she was slapped when she insisted on leaving the truck at a Flora service station.

McCraney described both girls as "nice looking brunettes from good families." Their parents took the youngsters home yesterday.

The older man, about 40, was in the truck at Tchula, but he left near Flora, saying he planned to hitchhike either to Jackson or Memphis. The rape occurred after he had gone, police said. The girl was treated at an infirmary in Flora.

In Jackson an aunt of the 15-year-old said both girls apparently intended to visit her. They had slipped away from their homes Saturday afternoon.

McCraney said the girls knew the men only as "Paul" and "Curtis."

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Charge Defender Lawyer Chicago, Ill. In Attack

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — News of the criminal assault of a 17-year-old Negro girl came to light here last week, despite efforts to suppress it.

A prominent young white attorney has been charged with statutory criminal assault of the girl. He is Bernard Gautier, a member of a prominent Jackson county family who was released on bond provided by a state senator and a relative, after being held to the grand jury.

The alleged attack has aroused residents of this predominantly Catholic community.

A reporter learned of the incident from the docket of a local court.

The girl told her parents she was forced into the act.

The parents said they have been unable to find an attorney in Jackson County who would take the case.

The girl was said to have been examined at a hospital the night of the alleged incident, but the parents have received no report from the doctor who made the examination.

Authorities were reluctant to talk about the case. Dist. Atty. Boyce Holleman said he had not yet received the case and referred questions to County Atty. Donald Cumbest who said he had "heard" about the charges but knew nothing first hand. He referred the questions to Justice of the Peace John Henley who said: "I don't want to give out anything about that. It's not completed yet."

The charges, however, were found on Page 203 of his criminal docket which showed that Mr. Gautier was charged in an affidavit filed on May 28 and was released on bond signed by E. H. Bacot and Hermes Gautier, former State Senator and the defendant's uncle. Young Gautier waived a preliminary hearing before making bond, binding him to the grand jury and disposing of the case in the justice court.

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Justice Henley's docket showed that the charges were referred through the circuit clerk's office for the grand jury docket. Further checking showed that he alleged crime was said to have occurred on the night of May 27 when Mr. Gautier took the girl home from baby sitting. The girl had been attending an out-of-town parochial high school. School authorities described her as of "high moral character." She told her parents she was forced to submit. The parents said they have been unable to find an attorney

saulted a member of a well-known Pascagoula family, which has long been associated with Catholic church activities in the community. 6-22-57

It is believed that efforts will be made to have the baby-sitter withdraw the charges, or refuse to prosecute Gautier. However, due to the Catholic connections of the victim's family a number of citizens of Pascagoula are inclined to think justice may be obtained in this rape case.

Officials Hush Case

Negro Baby Sitter Raped;

PASCAGOULA, Miss., June 8 — Bernard Gautier, a young to Pascagoula attorney and member of a prominent Mississippi family, has been charged with the statutory rape of a seven-year-old Negro baby-sitter, ination. It was learned today.

Mr. Gautier, who was graduated a year ago from the University of Mississippi Law School, is free under \$2,000 bond pending action of the next grand jury which meets in November. The affidavit against Mr. Gautier was filed by the girl's parents.

Authorities were reluctant to talk about the case. No date has been set for a grand jury hearing.

Charged In Docket

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White Man Called 'Deranged' In Negro Rape Case

FOREST, Miss. (ANP) — A 25-year-old white man here, one of four who are under indictment or raping a 16-year-old Negro girl, may win his freedom as a result of sanity test which says he is "mentally deranged."

The man, Ome Dillon and three other whites allegedly raped a teenage Negro girl last May 13, 1956 in a swamp after holding her prisoner against her will. One man has been cleared of rape charges by a all-white jury.

A letter to Judge Tom B. Brady of Pike County circuit from Mississippi State hospital officials indicate that Dillon has "schizophrenic reactions, paranoid type" and is presently "incompetent to face trial."

All of the men involved in the rape case are relatives. They are Ernest Dillon, 30, and two cousins, Durqa, 22, and Olen Duncan, 22, in addition to the elder Dillon who has been called "mentally deranged."

The two Duncans are in jail awaiting trial or kidnapping in the fall. An all-white jury cleared Olen Duncan of rape and the jury hung in its verdict for Duroa Duncan.

Salesman Held For Rape Try On Negro Maid

FOREST, Miss. (UP) — Sheriff N. B. Rushing said today a white salesman is held for investigation in the halleged attempted rape of a Negro woman at the home of a white couple where she worked as a maid.

Rushing said the Negro had identified the salesman as the man who tried to assault her Wednesday in the rural home near Morton while her employers were away from home.

The man was identified as Charles Cooper, 25, a picture salesman.

Accuse Mississippi Lawyer More Bad Publicity For Miss.

FOREST, Miss. (ANP) — Integration wasn't so bad for a 25-year-old white salesman here who is being held in jail for the alleged attempted rape of a Negro maid while her employers were away from home.

The accused man is Charles Cooper. Sheriff N. B. Rushing said Cooper is being held for investigation.

Rushing said Cooper tried to assault the maid in the home of a white couple where she worked while her employers were out.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (ANP) — Police were holding a 20-year-old white truck driver in county jail here in connection with the attempted rape of a 25-year-old Negro baby-sitter he was taking home.

He is David R. Shoemake, whose bond in the case has been set at \$4,500.

THE BABY-SITTER, whose identity was not disclosed, said she had worked as Shoemake's baby-sitter in his home until a late hour in the morning. She said that instead of taking her home, the man drove her to a wooded area and parked the car where he attempted to rape her. She said she jumped from the vehicle and hid out in the woods until daylight when she called the police.

CHARGE ATTACK EFFORT Report Awaited In Attempt To Assault Negro

HATTIESBURG, Miss., July 13 — Dist. Atty. Danny Dabbs said Saturday he is awaiting a complete report on the case of a white man who is accused of attempting to rape a Negro woman baby-sitter.

The 25-year-old woman swore out an affidavit with city police. They quoted her as saying she had been baby-sitting Friday night for the man and his wife.

When they returned home shortly before 3 a.m., the man offered to drive her home, the Negro woman said, but stopped in a wooded area and attempted to strip off her clothes. She said she broke loose and hid until he drove off.

Police said the man denied making advances and that he chased the woman to return a purse she had left in his car.

Rape Effort Is Charged In Forrest

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (Special) — A 25-year old Negro baby sitter, filed charges of attempted rape against 28 year old truck driver David Royce Shoemake.

The Negro woman had served as baby sitter in the Shoemake home until 2 a.m. Saturday morning and claims that instead of taking her home, Shoemake parked his car in the woods. She claims

she ran and hid in the woods until daylight and phoned police. Shoemake who denies molesting the woman has been in county jail since his arrest Saturday. His bond has been set at \$4,000.

In Spite of Dixie's Racial Purity

State Press

White Man Held After Negro Woman Files Charges of Rape

Little Rock, Ark.

Fri. 7-19-57

P. 1

HATTIESBURG, Miss.—David Royce Shoemake, white 28-year-old truck driver of this city, was held after a Negro woman filed charges of attempted rape against him. The woman was employed as baby sitter for the Shoemakers. *27 H(2)*

The woman appeared before Forrest County Judge William Haralson and swore out the affidavit which accused Shoemake of trying to rape her early Saturday morning.

Sheriff Ford Vance said Shoemake being held in Forrest county jail under a \$3,000 bond, denied molesting the woman.

The woman, mother of two children, told officers Shoemake and his wife returned home shortly before 3 a. m. and he offered to drive her home. *27 H(2)*

Instead of taking her home, she said, Shoemake drove into a wooded area and tried to remove her clothes. She said she broke loose and hid in the woods until daylight when she called police.

Officers said Shoemake denied the woman's charge and said this is what happened:

Before they reached the woman's home, she jumped from the car for some reason unknown to him. He stopped the car and ran after her because she had left her purse in the auto. He said he failed to catch her.

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Sex Killer at 18

The story of eighteen-year-old Roland Marrone, rape-slayer of a fifteen-year-old girl, is in many ways classic of a type becoming tragically familiar. Here is a boy of "good" home, who enjoyed "good" companions, apparently deeply religious, well-mannered, passive rather than aggressive in normal behavior. Yet for the eight years prior to May 17, when he raped and then murdered Ruth Starr Zeitler, his record shows sporadic emotional outbursts of a kind which led several psychiatrists to recommend treatment which he never received. It is the fact that warning signs were posted, yet ignored, which gives the case a special urgency. Young Marrone, at one time or another, had been in the purview not only of psychiatrists, but of the police; nowhere was there put upon him the restraining hand which might have saved the life of Ruth Starr Zeitler—and perhaps, eventually, his own.

If there were a simple answer to this problem, there would never have been a "Marrone case."

One of the psychiatrists who saw Roland—the boy was thirteen at the time—was Dr. Ralph Brancale, director of the New Jersey State Diagnostic Center (see How to Treat Sex Offenders, by Dr. Brancale and F. Lovell Bixby, in *The Nation* of April 6). Obviously, a psychiatrist's findings in such circumstances are confidential. But it can be said that the Diagnostic Center found Roland emotionally unstable, and recommended treatment for him; it did not find him, at the time, a potential homicide. Psychiatry has not yet reached the stage where it can reach into the subconscious of a thirteen-year-old boy and unerringly sense the presence of an eighteen-year-old sex-killer.

Yet there was no doubt that the boy was sick, and if the slightest evidence existed that the sickness might take violent form, was it not the psychiatrist's duty to protect society by seeing to it that the boy was put away? "Put away where?" Dr. Brancale asked. "In jail? He had committed no crime, so far as we were aware. In a state institution? But the boy was not 'insane' at the time we saw him. And in any case, of ten thirteen-year-olds who might show symptoms similar to those of Roland, perhaps nine will be able to resolve their inner conflicts without resort to dangerous violence. Are we to flood our existing institutions with teen-agers, nine-tenths of whom would be better off outside?"

We asked Dr. Brancale, then: "Is there nothing that can be done?" His answer was, "Yes, two things. The first is more money for basic research into mental health. The second is to make possible, through the

establishment of special institutions or through some other means, the treatment of such cases as Roland's. Private psychiatric treatment is expensive; private sanatoriums even more so. This is a social problem, and financially it will have to be solved as such.

"I believe that there is a good chance that, had Roland been given proper treatment, Ruth Starr Zeitler would have been alive today."

Two Deny Guilt In Kidnaping and Rape of Girl, 19

Two men charged with kidnaping, beating and raping an eighteen-year-old girl Jan. 19 pleaded innocent and were held yesterday in \$20,000 bail each by Federal Judge Richard H. Levet, who scheduled May 1 for trial of the pair and two youths on the charges.

The men were Vincent J. Marmon, twenty-two, of 92 View St., Byram, Conn., and William Tomonto, twenty-four, of Port Chester, N. Y.

No bail was set for John LaFaro, sixteen, of 65 Palmer St., Port Chester, who also pleaded innocent yesterday, while a second youth, Frank B. Lennon, seventeen, of 101 Essex Ave., Port Chester, was continued in \$2,500 bail. He pleaded innocent on March 21.

The four were indicted March 20 by a Federal grand jury which charged they transported the girl from Harrison, N. Y., to a wooded area in Glenville, Conn., where she was assaulted. If convicted the four could receive a death sentence on recommendation of a trial jury.

Girl Raped And Robbed In Apartment

A twenty-year-old dental assistant was raped and robbed early yesterday in her one-room flat at 34 W. 69th St. Her assailant escaped the way he entered, by a fire escape.

The victim said she was awakened by the stranger in her top-floor room of the five-

story building at 5 a. m. He was wearing dark glasses and told her not to be frightened, but that he would kill her if she screamed. Then he grabbed her by the throat.

Before leaving, he took \$3 from her pocketbook and said he was sorry for what he had done, that he had been watching her for some time. The victim said she came here from California four months ago.

Dr. Morris Hoffstein, of 60 W. 68th St., confirmed that she had been assaulted. He treated her for bruises of the neck and chest. The assailant was described as about thirty-three years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighing about 130 pounds.

Sex Maniac World-Telegram Accosted Her 3 or 4 Times

Victim Didn't Tell
Parents for Fear
They Would Worry

By PAUL MESKIL,
Staff Writer.

A sex fiend had accosted Patricia Ruland several times in the past two months but she didn't tell her patrolman brother or her parents because she didn't want to worry them, the World-Telegram and Sun learned exclusively today.

Another girl fought off an attack near Pat's home a week ago. The man fled in a green car, similar in description to a car seen near the spot where Pat was killed.

Pat, a pretty 19-year-old luncheonette, was fatally bludgeoned Wednesday night, apparently when she fought off a sex attack. The dying girl, her skull fractured in 17 places, was dumped from a car on a quiet residential street in Bay Ridge, a mile from her home.

Though the presence of a sex fiend in the neighborhood created the possibility that Pat had been seized upon the street and dragged into a car, detectives working on the case inclined strongly to the belief that the killer was someone she knew.

Mysterious Gap

A mysterious gap of slightly more than an hour in Pat's final movements on the night she was killed was a key factor in this belief. Obviously, if the girl had been seized on the street by a fiend, her struggle with him and the resultant brutal slaying would have been

virtually instantaneous.

Police know that Pat went to a neighborhood luncheonette, where she sat with a couple of neighborhood boys whom she knew and had a cup of coffee. She stayed until about 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, then said goodbye and left.

About 10 minutes later, when the two youths left the luncheonette, they were surprised to find the girl still standing on the sidewalk in front of the luncheonette, as if she were waiting for someone.

Followed for Weeks

They talked for a few seconds and then Pat left in the direction of her home. This was about 10:25. But it was not until about 11:40 p.m. on 84th St. and her body was found dumped in a gutter.

The murdered girl's best friend, Sandra Kullman, 18, of 302 72nd St., Bklyn., told the World-Telegram and Sun today that a strange man had been following Pat for several weeks.

As she started to walk by him, he grabbed her and tried to throw her to the sidewalk. She screamed and fought him.

He hit her in the face, knocked her down and fled. She got up and ran into the house. A neighbor who heard her screams looked out his front window and saw the man return, jump in the green car and drive away.

Green Car Again

A light green car, believed to be a small, two-door sedan, also was seen near the spot where the Ruland girl was found Wednesday night. Pat was tossed into the rain-drenched gutter in front of 58 94th St., between Marine Ave. and Shore Rd., a block from the Belt Parkway and the Narrows.

Helen Esposito, 27, of 53 94th St., told police she was walking along 94th St. towards her home about 11:30 p.m. when the car passed her at a high rate of speed, heading towards Marine Ave. It turned into the avenue and vanished.

Then Miss Esposito saw the dying girl in the gutter. She rushed into her house and called police. The Ft. Hamilton precinct received another call about two minutes earlier from

a woman who said: "A girl is screaming in 94th St. She's in trouble."

Patrolmen and detectives were on their way to investigate this anonymous call when Miss Esposito's call came in.

Last to See Her

The last persons known to have seen Pat before she was taken for the murder ride are Feder Flatkral, 22, of 7120 Colonial Rd., and Jerome Smith, 23, of 7214 Third Ave., both Brooklyn.

The two young men were sitting in a booth in Joe & Howard's Luncheonette, 7204 Third Ave., at 72nd St., when Pat came in between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Wednesday night. Pat frequently dropped in at the lunchroom for a soda or a sandwich and the two men had known her for some time.

She sat in the booth with them and had a cup of coffee. At about 10:15, she paid her check, said good night and left the lunchroom. Mr. Flatkral and Mr. Smith left a few minutes later and found her standing outside the door.

They chatted for a few more minutes, then Pat said she was going home. She started walking along 72nd St. in the direction of her house.

Her Bag Missing

Mr. Flatkral and Mr. Smith reported that Pat was carrying a large black tote bag. This bag has not been found. Her shoes and one pink glove also were missing when police found her in the gutter.

About 35 persons, mostly young men and girls from Pat's neighborhood crowd, were questioned by police yesterday and last night. But Deputy Inspector John Dunn said "we're not any closer to a solution than we were when the body was discovered."

Bought Easter Hat

Sandra Kullman told the World-Telegram and Sun that she talked to Pat on the telephone a few minutes before Pat went out Wednesday night.

"She told me she had bought a beautiful Easter hat," Sandra said. "And we made plans to go to an Easter dance together on Sunday night. She sounded the same as usual. I'm sure

she wasn't worried about anything at the time, although she had been afraid of the man who was following her.

"If you're attractive like Pat was, you're bound to be bothered by men. But this particular man terrified her because he kept popping up unexpectedly and trying to grab her or talk to her."

Didn't Go Steady

Sandra said the man knew Pat made frequent trips between her home and the luncheonette, and may have been waiting for her Wednesday night.

"I'm sure it wasn't any of the neighborhood boys," she said of the killer. "Pat went out with several boys, but she didn't go steady with any of them and there were no serious romances. The only trouble she ever told me about was with this man she didn't know."

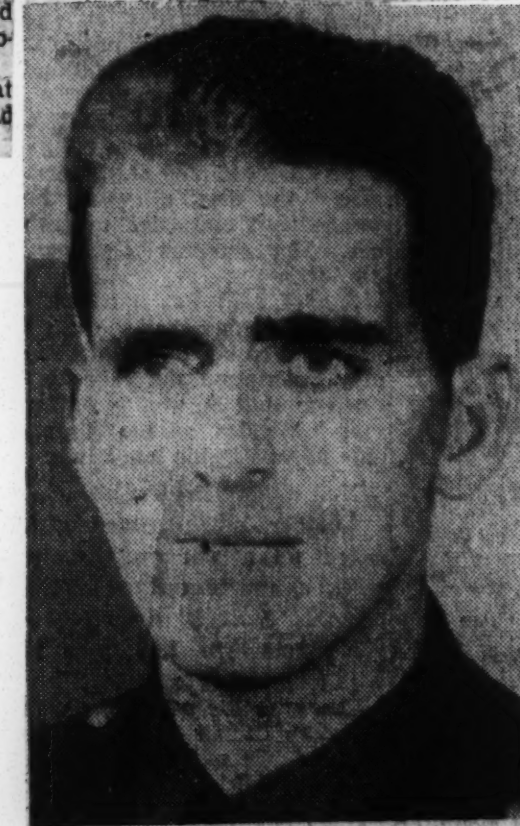
"If there was anything else, any quarrels with boys or jealousy, things like that, I'm certain she would have told me about it."

Pat's brother, Patrolman Leroy Ruland Jr., 28, confirmed that she had no serious romantic attachments.

Patrolman Ruland said Pat never told him that a man had been bothering her.



PATRICIA RULAND.



LEROY RULAND JR.

Father, 24, Accused

Herald Tribune
New York

Attempts Rape at Girls Club, Is Shot

A twenty-four-year-old clerk, married and the father of a year-old son, was shot and wounded at 2:30 a. m. yesterday after he broke into a young woman's room in the Girls Club Association of Brooklyn, 174 Prospect Place, and made an unsuccessful attempt to rape her, according to police.

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Taken to the prison ward of Kings County in fair condition with a bullet in his left thigh was Eric William Struckman, of 211 Prospect Place, diagonally across the street from the club. According to police, Struckman made similar unsuccessful attempts to rape women living in the club on May 13 and May 15. In each case the woman fought off her attacker until her screams brought help.

Since the second attempt, Detectives John O'Flaherty and Robert Kissel have been watching the club. When Struckman refused to heed two warning shots, the detectives fired directly at him.

Accused of Queens Rape

Herald Tribune
New York
Two seventeen-year-old boys were charged in Queens Felony Court yesterday with the rape of a seventeen-year-old high school girl in her home in the Melba section of Whitestone, Queens, on Thursday evening.

2-7-37
The boys, who denied the charge, are Caetano Saldieveri, of 23-39 24th St., Astoria, Queens, an office boy, and Theodore Kiamos, of 21-25 24th Ave., Astoria, a florist's helper. They were released in \$5,000 bail each pending a hearing Wednesday.

6-2-37
The girl, whose name was withheld, testified that she and a friend met the boys on Wednesday afternoon in a luncheonette and that the boys, in Kiamos' car, drove the girls home.

On Thursday at 6:30 p. m., she said, just after her mother and father left the house for dinner, the two boys rang her doorbell, and she, thinking her parents had come back for something, opened the door.

When they got in, she said, Saldieveri played the piano while Kiamos forced her to go upstairs to her bedroom, where he raped her. The parents said that when they returned at 8:30

they found the girl lying on the floor, crying hysterically.

According to the account given in court, Kiamos called the house several times on Friday and, talking to the girl's father, finally made a "date" with her for 7:30 that night. The father made the date at the recommendation of the police. When Kiamos showed up he was arrested.

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Student Freed Of Rape Charge

CHARLOTTE, June 19 (AP) — A Mecklenburg County grand jury returned today to indict Jerry R. Leatherwood, 29-year-old pharmacy student from Waynesville, on a charge of raping a University of North Carolina co-ed. Leatherwood was arrested in April on warrants sworn out here by T. F. Bridges, Shelby contractor and father of 22-year-old Joann Bridges. The girl told police that while she was on the way home from Chapel Hill with Leatherwood for spring holidays, she was raped in his car. She also charged that she was raped in a Mecklenburg County motel where Leatherwood registered them as man and wife. She said she was sick and too frightened to escape.

Wife Tells of Alleged Rape Try As Chiropractor's Trial Opens

By JACK CROSSWELL.

RAEFORD, Aug. 21—Dr. Perry Odum, 39-year-old chiropractor, went on trial today in Hoke County Superior Court on charges of attempted rape on the buxom wife of the local police chief.

Mrs. Verna Stanton, the alleged victim, was the only witness taking the stand after the much-discussed trial opened shortly after 3 p. m. The bulk of the day was used in selecting a jury.

A white-haired grandmother, Mrs. Stanton testified that she was assaulted in the back room of Dr. Odum's clinic, March 1, where she said she went for treatment of a sinus ailment.

At the time of the alleged attack, Mrs. Stanton told the court, she was clad in her panties and brassiere. She said that she had just received treatment and had gone to the back room to change into her street clothes when the chiropractor entered.

Ordered Out. "I told him to get out," she said.

She added that he walked up and explained that he wanted to examine her shoulder. This, she later said, she permitted.

"The next thing I knew he shoved me onto the bed."

Dr. Odum, Mrs. Stanton charged, said he was going to have intercourse with her.

Calls For Order.

At this point, Judge Malcolm Seawell of Lumberton, presiding, called for order because of an outburst of laughter in the crowded courtroom. He warned that further demonstrations would bring a jail sentence.

Mrs. Stanton claimed that prior to the alleged attack Dr. Odum had given her a glass of whiskey for her nerves.

Under questioning by private prosecutor, Luther Britt of Lumberton, she said that she rushed out of the clinic and went to the police station to inform her husband, Police Chief Lawrence Stanton, of the rape attempt.

Defense attorney Hugh Mitchell of Statesville, former Iredell

County legislator, asked her if she testified about the whiskey at the preliminary hearing some months ago. After hesitating,

Mrs. Stanton claimed that she had told it only to the grand jury, but not in open court.

"Isn't it a fact that you dressed and left without seeing the doctor after the treatment was completed?" asked Mitchell.

"No," replied the witness in a husky voice.

Unlocked Doors. She said that following the attack she had to unlock two doors to get out of the clinic.

Mitchell asked if she didn't invent the charge to square herself with her husband for not having prepared his noon lunch. She claims to have entered the clinic at noon and to have left about 3 p. m.

Again she answered, "No."

Once Estranged. Under cross examination, she admitted that her husband had left her in November and that they had been back together for only a few months at the time of the alleged incident.

Mrs. Stanton also denied that she had had an affair with her son-in-law, Bill Holland, that had caused her husband to leave.

The 49-year-old woman, attired in a black dress with white trimmings, sat with her officer-husband, during the trial.

District Solicitor Maurice Braswell, Britt and defense attorney James R. Nancy and Mitchell spent about four hours selecting a jury.

Several jurors were turned down because they said that they already believed that Dr. Odum was innocent. Two were rejected because of family relationship with Mrs. Stanton and one because of financial dealing with the Stanton family.

More witnesses are expected to be heard Thursday.

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NORTH CAROLINA

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Man Is Freed In Rape Try Case

BAKERSVILLE, April 12 (AP)—A 35-year-old Bakersville man was acquitted in Mitchell Superior Court here today of a charge of attempting to rape a deaf mute Spruce Pine housewife.

An all-male jury returned the verdict after 20 minutes deliberation, ending the three-day trial of Joe Street. Street had pleaded not guilty to the charge, which was specifically, assault with intent to commit rape.

The defense contended that the alleged victim, Mrs. Daniel Autry, 23, was mistaken in her identification of Street as her attacker. The testimony was that Street had been working as a bill collector at the time of the incident, last July, had stopped at the home of a neighbor of Mrs. Autry in the course of his work, but had not entered Mrs. Autry's home and did not know the victim.

Mrs. Autry on Wednesday had pointed to Street as her attacker. She testified through an interpreter from the State School for the Deaf at Morganton that the man had entered her home after she unlatched the door, believing he had come on business, and that she fought off his advances.

This morning, the defense presented character witnesses for Street. The case went to the jury after Judge Zeb V. Nettles of Asheville turned down a motion that the charge be non-suited.

Street had been indicted by the grand jury on presentation of a bill by Solicitor J. Alley Hayes of North Wilkesboro. This followed an investigation held after no probable cause had been found against him at a preliminary hearing before Spruce Pine magistrate shortly after the alleged attack.

Approximately 250 people followed the course of the trial in the little courtroom.

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Father Killed Defending Girl

Franklin Journal
March 28-37
Columbus, Ohio, March 27 (AP)—
Police today searched for a
prowler who tried to rape a 12-
year-old girl and then shot and
killed her father.
Franklin, Ky.
Walter Blankenship, 37, was
shot six times point-blank, police
said.

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Detective Sgt. Wayne Morgan
said the intruder apparently
entered through the basement.
He made his way to the girl's
bedroom and threatened to kill
her and her parents if she
screamed.

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The man tried to molest the
girl, but she struck at him and
fled screaming into the adjoining
bedroom where her father and
mother were sleeping.

She ran past her father into
still another bedroom, shouting,
"There's a man in the house."

She told police she heard the
prowler threaten her father,
saying, "Don't come near me or
I'll shoot." A moment later she
heard shots fired, police said.

The prowler fled out the front
door.

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OKLAHOMA

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Drug Assault Appeal Filed

Continuation
TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Attorneys for Dr. John Richard Rhine, 35, Tulsa physician convicted of drugging and raping a 20-year-old patient, have filed notice of taking the case to the Oklahoma Criminal Court of Appeals.

Wheeler
A district court jury of 12 men fixed punishment for the doctor at two years in the state penitentiary after deliberating the four-day-old trial for more than eight hours. He could have been sentenced up to 15 years on the second-degree rape conviction.

100-1357
Defense attorney Robert L. Wheeler informed the judge he would appeal the verdict to the state's highest court. Rhine was accused of injecting a woman patient with sodium pentobarbital to overcome her resistance, then sexually assaulting her. He denied the charge in court.

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Amazonian Co-eds**36 Girls Capture Dormitory Invader,
Black His Eyes, Sit on Him for Police**

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 10 (NS)—Thirty-six Pembroke College girls today proved too much for a 29-year-old man who allegedly slipped through a partly opened window and crept into the dormitory at 1:45 a.m.

The screams of Paula A. Hersey, 18, of Lawrenceville, Ill., awakened her roommate, Sandra Newman, also 18, of Needham, Mass. Sandra aroused the house mother, Mrs. Frank Greene and the other girls in King House.

Police arrived to find the girls in control of the situation. The suspect, identified by police as Albert R. Messier, 29, of Pawtucket, was spread-eagled on the floor of the girls' room, with five pajama or nightgown-clad girls holding him down.

His arms and legs were pinned down by a girl each, and another sat calmly on his stomach. Both his eyes had been blackened.

A plea of innocent was entered for Messier by Judge Louis Di Pasquale in 6th District Court, where he was arraigned on charges of breaking and entering and assault with intent to attack Paula. He was held without bail on the breaking and entering count and \$15,000 on the attack charge.

Date for trial was set for the day before Christmas.

The defendant is on two deferred sentences imposed Oct. 17 by Rhode Island Superior Court for peeping at coeds in Bryant College, a business school not far from Pembroke College.

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SOUTH CAROLINA

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Man Is Held In Darlington Assault Case

DARLINGTON, Nov. 27 (Spe-
cial)—A young man is being held
in the Darlington County Jail
charged with assault and battery
of high and aggravated nature
and assault with intent to ravish
a 15-year-old girl.

Sheriff C. Bryant Jr.
said that Homer Murphy Williams
of Bristol, Tenn., was arrested late
last night in Florence, S.C.
According to Sheriff Bryant, the
man who was working in Florence
attends night school there.
He offered a ride home by Wil-
son after school last night. The
sheriff quoted the girl as saying
that Williams insisted on taking
her to a drive-in eating place
which he promised to take
her home. Instead he took her
throughout Darlington
County and made advances to her
which she resisted. Finally, she
fell out of the car on the Doves

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Insurance Operator Out On \$1,000 Bond

HOUSTON — A white insurance operator was charged Saturday with criminal assault on a 17-year-old expectant mother after the young wife went through a series of lie detector tests Friday night and Saturday morning.

The accused man, George B. Clark, No. 2 Sleepy Oak, was charged before Justice of the Peace W. C. Ragan and his bond was placed at \$1,000.

Because of the victim's age the case is being handled through the juvenile division of the police department. In a written statement to the division, the girl told of having been raped in the man's office at Tuam about 5:15 P. M. Friday, after his secretary left the office for the day.

In a statement to The Informer, the girl said she had been hired to sit for the man and his wife for about three days prior to the incident Friday. She said he called her and told her he wanted her to clean his office. She said he told her what bus to ride and gave her directions to the office. When she arrived at the office, Clark was not in and the secretary showed her where the cleaning supplies were. The girl said in about 15 minutes Mr. Clark arrived and the secretary left. She said about 10 minutes after he arrived, he said he wanted her to clean his office.

She said she drank and she told him she did not. He then went into a second office and sat on a desk, called her and told her he wanted to talk to her. She said she asked him what about and he told her about money. She said he offered her \$10 instead of the \$3 he was to pay her for her work, but she refused the \$10.

"I told him all I wanted was the \$3 and he then began calling me bad names and locked me in the office."

"He got a pistol and, after telling me it was 'no toy,' forced me

to undress. He also undressed and forced me into a sexual relations with him," the girl said.

While in the act, she said Mr. Clark kept up abusive language to her and after a short while he made her dress, telling her he was going to take her to a motel that he owned, "to finish, I guess."

She said Mr. Clark also dressed and threatened that if she left the office while he went for his car, which was parked somewhere in the neighborhood, he would kill her. He had prevented her from getting to the office phone before the assault by grabbing the broom she had in her hand and threatening to beat her if she picked up the phone, the girl said.

As soon as he left for the car, she dashed out of the door and seeing some Negro men working near by, she rushed up to them and begged them to hide her, telling them that a man had raped her and was going to kill her, she said.

One of the men, James Sparks of 3415 Carnation, said he and Wheeler Peavy of 3310 Columbia, were helping A. O. Stovall, 38, move from 700 block of Tuam to 5601 Alameda, when the girl ran up in a state of hysteria. He said the two white men told her to go into the office just as a man was seen driving pass.

"That's him," he said the girl exclaimed.

He said they took the girl to a telephone on Binz and Alameda where she called police.

A sister of the girl said the girl called her first and told her what had happened and she told the girl to call police right away.

"She was so frightened she hardly knew what she was doing," the sister said.

Mr. Stovall was not available when called, but an office attendant described the girl as appearing "very frightened."

The girl consented to take the lie detector test after a doctor who examined her at Jefferson Davis Hospital reported the absence of

sperm. She told the reporter the test was given her three times and after the third time she was asked if she wished to prefer charges.

An attempt to obtain the results of the test failed Monday.

Mr. Clark refused to give police a statement and refused to take the test, officers said, on advice of his attorney. He also refused to be interviewed by The Informer.

Bus Driver Charged In Assault On Woman

HOUSTON — A Houston Transit Company driver has been charged with aggravated assault in allegedly attempting to rape a 27-year-old mother of two on his bus.

According to homicide officers Clarence John Brown, the driver, has been charged before Justice of the Peace Thomas Maes.

The young mother told The Informer she boarded Holman bus as she headed for her residence in the Fourth Ward after getting off from work in the Sunnyside Addition last Thursday night. She had a check, but no cash. The driver told her he could not cash her check, but would let her off at the next bus stop.

It was 10:30 or 11 P. M. and the victim said that she was the only passenger on the bus at the time. She told the driver to let her off, but he refused. When the bus got to about the 500 block on Rosalie, going down Louisiana, the driver attacked her, after she refused his approaches, the victim said. She said he threw her down on one of the seats and tore her clothing, but she fought him off and screamed. When the attacker saw residents in the area turning on their lights, he let her off the bus and she ran all the way home and then called officers, she said.

The woman said the company officials were called by the officers and she later went to Homicide and positively identified the driver.

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Student at Virginia U. Cleared in Rape Case

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Feb. 28 (AP)—Richard N. Chakejian, 23-year-old University of Virginia student, was found innocent by a jury today of a rape charge brought by a teen-aged secretary from Richmond.

Chakejian admitted having relations with the girl, who was spending the weekend here to attend a university dance last November, but he denied raping her.

He testified yesterday the girl had made physical advances to him in a car earlier the same morning the alleged rape occurred and that she had willingly entered into relations with him.

He denied he used any force, threat, violence or over-persuasion.

Chakejian testified the girl had "made a play" for him while dating a friend and had asked him to meet her for a "late date" at 4 a. m. Sunday, Nov. 4.

They went to a restaurant, he said, and then to the apartment of Joseph T. Palumbo, 20, second-year student from Newburgh, N. Y. It was Palumbo the girl had gone to the university to date.

Youth Pleads Guilty in Girl Attack

RAOUL ALLEN BRYAN, 19, pleaded guilty yesterday to charges of raping a 17-year-old waitress last November.

Bryan, who lives at 304 W. Lee St., Alexandria, said (in Fairfax Circuit Court) that he and three other youths were involved. He was released in \$5,000 bond.

Judge Carl E. Brown scheduled sentencing on May 3 after a probation report.

Bryan is the second of the four youths to plead guilty in the case. The first was Enoch Roach Jr., 19, of 18 John Roberts Homes, Alexandria.

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Youth Twice Indicted For Alexandria Rape

Post & Times Herald P. 9-1
Jus. 3-12-57
A 17-year-old Alexandria youth was indicted for rape a second time yesterday by a Fairfax County grand jury. David Reid Dodson, 174 Baggett st., Alexandria, is charged with raping a 17-year-old Alexandria girl last Nov. 29. He was certified as an adult by Juvenile Court Judge John A. Rothrock and was indicted by a grand jury Jan. 14.

The indictment was nullified into the woods on foot. She was released from a hospital this afternoon after treatment for cuts on her arms and contusions. Richmond police began a man-hunt for the attacker with every available member of the force. Several possible suspects were picked up. The woman's identity, under Virginia law, was not revealed. Her male companion was 29-year-old Herbert Lee Nowlin of Richmond.

Yesterday, a psychiatric report from the Child Guidance Clinic recommended against certifying Dodson. Judge Rothrock certified him a second time.

The Judge said he had the utmost confidence in the Child Guidance Clinic but that his order was based on the boy's past record and the seriousness of his crime.

Dodson pleaded not guilty when arraigned in Circuit Court yesterday. Trial was set for May 21.

The grand jury returned 17 true bills. Among them were indictments against Donald E. Thompson and Enoch Roach, who were involved in an unsuccessful break from Fairfax County Jail last Feb. 12.

Thompson, 19, of Oklahoma City, pleaded not guilty to charges of aiding a felon to escape and feloniously assaulting a sheriff's deputy. He also pleaded not guilty to the charge which jailed him originally, that of raping a 15-year-old Annandale girl.

Roach, 19, of 16 John Roberts Homes, Alexandria, was indicted for felonious assault and aiding in the escape of a felon.

A manslaughter indictment was returned against James Homer Coles, Manassas, Va., in connection with a traffic accident Jan. 13 in which Robert Warren Hale was killed. Coles

pleaded not guilty.

Gunman Abducts, Knifes Woman

News & Observer
RICHMOND, Va., March 25 (UP) — A Negro gunman abducted a young woman from her escort today, raped and knifed her and used her for a shield as he crashed through police roadblocks in a stolen car.

The 23-year-old victim was left in the car when the Negro fled into the woods on foot. She was released from a hospital this afternoon after treatment for cuts on her arms and contusions.

Richmond police began a man-hunt for the attacker with every available member of the force. Several possible suspects were picked up.

The woman's identity, under Virginia law, was not revealed. Her male companion was 29-year-old Herbert Lee Nowlin of Richmond.

Nowlin said the Negro attempted to kill him but the gunman's pistol failed to fire four times.

Nowlin told police that he and the young woman were returning from a drive-in movie in his car about 1 a.m. today. He said they went to where her car was parked. When they got in her car, they found the Negro inside.

Nowlin said the Negro told them, "just keep talking. I'm going to take your woman and then kill you."

Nowlin said the man ordered them out of the car, forcing them to walk ahead of him down the street. He said he told the woman to run and when she fled down the street screaming, he turned on the gunman.

He said he heard the pistol click four times before he grappled with the Negro. He told police he was beaten with the pistol butt and left lying on the street.

Police said the Negro raced after the fleeing woman, dragged her into the car, then raped her after speeding from the scene.

The woman told police that after the attack the Negro threatened to kill her "because you've seen my face," but said he was going "to see how the boy friend is doing first."

But Nowlin had regained consciousness and notified police.

Police spotted the Negro's car when he returned to the area and the chase began. One police car bounced off the fleeing vehicle in an unsuccessful effort to stop it.

Another police car attempted to block the street but the gunman

crashed past. Police could not fire because the Negro held the woman close to him.

Arrest White Man In Rape Of Girls, 11 And 14

Journal and Guide
WARWICK, Va. — William L. Effler, a 37-year-old Newport News white man, is charged by Warwick police with the statutory rape of two colored girls, ages 14 and 11.

Effler, of the 1806 block of Huntington avenue, was arrested by Patrolman Vernon B. Markham in Huntington Park last Wednesday night. The two girls were turned over to the Newport News Juvenile Detention Home.

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REPORTS REVEAL that the 11-year-old girl was taken to Riverside Hospital and given a medical examination which revealed that she had been sexually assaulted. Effler is free on \$5,000 bail; \$2,500 on each charge, pending a hearing on rape charges.

The case is being investigated by A. H. Jenkins and E. H. Hiser.

The Story Behind Sex Criminal's Reign of Terror

By BERT COLLIER
Herald Medical Writer

"The Lord is helping me now," 20-year-old Rudolph Valentino Herring told Miami homicide detectives Friday. "He's got it so I can't do any more harm to any women."

The youth who says he has committed rape "30 or 40 times," but isn't sure whether he ever killed any of his victims, is charged specifically with two cases of "Kiss or kill" attack.

He has bounced around in jails, reform schools and mental hospitals most of his young life. Only two months ago, he was released by the County Court, despite recommendation of a team of psychiatrists that he needed treatment because another doctor wrote that "all this man needs is a job."

How did Herring land in a jail cell charged with a capital offense?

Why was he turned loose again and again?

Dozens of times in his long career of sexual assaults and petty crime, he came up against police and other officials who noted that he needed help for the protection of the public. "I don't know," he said. "I just hate them mostly."

Rudolph Herring

... he needed care

"This boy definitely needs psychiatric help," reads one report gathering dust for five years in the files.

"This boy was referred for psychiatric examination," said another even older.

The State Hospital at Chattahoochee released Herring about a year ago because, the record showed, they could do nothing more for him and space at the overcrowded institution is at a premium.

Herring rode into Miami on a bus and, according to his written statement, resumed his practice of molesting and attacking women.

"I remember walking up and talking to somebody I don't even know," said the boy. "Sometimes I can be talking to somebody and then I just haul off and hit them."

Detectives asked Herring why he attacked women. "I don't know," he said. "I just hate them mostly."

"Do you know why?"

"I just hate them, that's all."

He Liked Kendall the Best

THIS IS THE RECORD of Rudolph Valentino Herring. On Nov. 9, 1946, when he lived at 26 NW 2nd St., the landlady complained to police that the boy was "unmanageable," and was trying to kill himself by jumping from a window.

The 10-year-old boy said he wanted to return to Kendall. He couldn't get along with his mother and stepfather because they "teased him too much."

In the next few years, he was in the hands of the juvenile authorities repeatedly, each offense more serious.

After one incident, the juvenile officer noted: "He is extremely surly and told conflicting stories. He tells one lie after another. He hates all cops."

At that time he was 16.

He was getting over his only love affair, a sordid, juvenile romance that blossomed in the Kendall detention home.

Rudolph and the girl fled when their affair was discovered. They were arrested by North Miami police. For this escapade, the boy and girl were sent to industrial schools.

'You Took Away My Only Love'

YOU TOOK AWAY the only thing I ever had," Rudolph said when he recalled that. "The only thing I loved."

On Oct. 6, 1952, the 16-year-old Herring slipped a cog. Lying on a bench in Bayfront Park, he suddenly started screaming and jumped into the water.

A yachtsman fished him out with a boathook and called police, who were puzzled by the fact that the boy had identification papers of a member of the Marine Corps. He never did explain, and was sent to the State Hospital at Chattahoochee.

There, records show, the youngster received little more than custodial care and was transferred back and forth between the principal mental hospital and the branch at Arcadia.

Herring had a rough time in the mental institution. "I couldn't control my temper," he said. "Somebody would say something and I would hit them or jump on them—anything I could do."

"They just messed me up," he said. "The only times I could think straight, they push that medicine into you. They just made my head worse."

Stolen Purses Provide Food

WHATEVER HAPPENED, when Herring was released, just passing out of his teens, he started his career of hating women. He roamed the country, hitch-hiking from city to city, getting enough money for food by snatching purses.

Apparently his attacks on women started in this period. Detectives are checking all the spots that he admits visiting—Jacksonville, Fla., Hendersonville, Tex., Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., and Stuart, Fla.

"At a dozen points in the career of this young man, his tendencies could have been spotted by a proper psychological test," said a psychiatrist Friday.

Why wasn't such a test given?

The record doesn't say.

Treated, Returned to Cell

Confessed Rapist Suffers Seizure

"Kiss-or-kill" attacker Rudolph Valentino Herring suffered what appeared to be a slight seizure Wednesday night in his jail cell shortly after three women victims picked him out of a line-up.

His "freedom" from the city jail was short-lived, however. Doctors and a psychiatrist examined Herring at Jackson Memorial Hospital and ordered him returned to his cell.

Rescue Squad Lt. D. Yates ordered Herring taken to the hospital when he found him "gurgling" in his cell and making strange noises.

Doctors said Herring, a confessed rapist, kept mumbling "Raymond killed her so she wouldn't scream" and "Raymond is going to get me." Just who Raymond is was not learned.

Hours earlier a 31-year-old widow picked Herring from a line-up at the Sheriff's Criminal Bureau of Investigation and tabbed him as the man who abducted her from an office and raped her in a used car lot April 17.

Two other women, among 11 recent victims of assault or attempted assault who viewed the line-up also identified Herring.

One, an 18-year-old, said Herring was the man who on March 13 grabbed her as she got off a bus at NW 20th Ave. and 38th St., choked her, dragged her into a used car lot and removed her underclothes. After she pounded him with her fists he fled, taking her handbag, which contained \$10.

A 32-year-old woman said it was Herring who accosted her on the SW 2nd Ave. bridge on Apr. 5 and tried to grab her purse.

Herring has confessed to the rape a week ago as well as 17 other rapes or attempted rapes in several states. Evidence in the rape case will be submitted to the current grand jury for an indictment, said Miami Detective C. M. Shepherd. Herring spent 1952 to 1956 in mental institutions, but a move to commit him to the Florida State Hospital at Chattahoochee last month failed when two psychiatrists examined him there and declared him not mentally incompetent.

Herring has already admitted that in addition to raping the mother of four children he slashed the throat of Miss Norma Dietel April 9 as she waited for a bus on Brickell Ave. She had refused the request of Herring—a total stranger—for a kiss.

Shepherd said Herring's activities may not have been confined to women. Frank Wood, 9430 Harding Ave., Surfside, identified Herring from a photo in The Herald as the man who stabbed him in the side on April 14 outside a bar at 18320 Biscayne Blvd. in what Wood termed a robbery attempt.

A man jailers identified as Herring's 19-year-old brother, Joseph, occupies another cell at city jail. He was recently convicted of drunk driving and reckless driving, but sentencing has been delayed pending receipt of a psychiatric report on the youth.

Confessed Rapist

Throat Slitter

Admits

Career in Sex

Crime

By HENRY O. RENO

Herald Staff Writer

Confessed rapist Rudolph Valentino Herring told Miami homicide detectives Monday he "remembered" committing 18 actual and attempted rapes in his travels around the country.

The blond-haired, blue-eyed suspect who already has been identified as the one who raped one Miami woman and slit the throat of another in recent weeks, haltingly told detectives of assaults on women from here to Texas.

In addition to Herring's incredible listing of assaults and attacks, it was learned Monday that the youth was almost readmitted to the Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee just last month.

The 20-year-old Herring, who spent four years—from January 1952 to January 1956—in the mental institution, was denied permission to the hospital by County Judge Frank Dowling, who ruled he was "not mentally incompetent."

Herring had been presented to the court for readmission by the Dade County Sheriff's office, who had been in custody on a criminal charge subsequently dropped for lack of evidence.

Detective C. M. Shepherd said when the good-looking young man first talked to officers he recalled some 30 to 40 attack cases, but later the figure was trimmed to 18.

Among those Herring remembers, Shepherd said, were five in the Greater Miami area, two in Hollywood, Fla., three in Dallas, Tex., two in Waco,



—Herald Staff Photo

Confessed Rapist

... R. V. Herring

Tex., and one in Houston, Tex. Herring—described by Shepherd as "short-tempered and mentally immature"—will appear in a lineup Wednesday in which victims of 11 assaults in Miami will get a look at him.

Sgt. Charles O'Connor of the Sheriff's Criminal Bureau of Investigation said he also would bring six victims of recent attacks in the county area to the lineup.

Among Herring's confessed crimes are the stabbing of a secretary on a Brickell Avenue bus bench and the rape last week of a Northwest section office employee.

Integrationist Flees Alabama Mob And Is Fined as Reckless Driver

Constitution Times 3-7-57 Atlanta, Ga.
P.1
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 6 (AP)—A mob of rock-throwing whites, yelling threats today at a white integration leader who later was fined \$30 for reckless driving in making his escape.

Lamar Weaver, the integration supporter, had just left the Terminal Railroad Station where a Negro couple, en route to Atlanta, had tested the integration policy in a waiting room, when he was charged with a suitcase and stoned.

He was convicted at a special hearing of running a red light and reckless driving as he drove his damaged car from a parking lot through a gantlet of his tormentors.

"Obviously, I was fined for being at the terminal station and not for reckless driving," was Weaver's comment on the police court judgment.

The fine was \$25 and \$5 costs. City police testified that Weaver came into the station and sat down with a Negro minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Shuttleworth, "at the height of racial unrest" at the scene.

In Atlanta, arrival of the Shuttleworths was without incident.

Commenting on the Birmingham events, the Rev. Mr. Shuttleworth said, "It is certainly an unfortunate thing. I am sorry that there are some white people who will stoop so low to do such a thing."

"I went to thank the Birmingham police for being on the job," he continued. "They kept those people from hurting us and made a way for us into the waiting room."

"I gave them every opportunity to arrest me but they wouldn't do it," he said. Shuttleworth said one purpose of his trip was to see if he would be arrested.

The next step for the railroad people to do is just to remove the signs which say 'white' and those which say 'colored'," he said.

"Segregation is indefensible under sustained attack; and this proves it."

The Rev. and Mrs. Shuttleworth are here on a visit with the Rev. W. H. Borders, pastor of the Wheat Street Baptist Church. They were met here by the Rev. Larry H. Williams, assistant pastor of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Shuttleworth said he plans to return to Birmingham "right away."

Weaver was hit on the head with a suitcase and his Cadillac convertible was showered with stones and cement blocks as he tried to escape from a crowd of white men.

who met him at the door of Birmingham's Terminal Station.

Weaver had gone to the station for a talk with the Rev. Shuttleworth. Shuttleworth and his wife had taken a seat in the white waiting room at the station and were allowed to remain. However, police asked Weaver to leave because he was not a ticket-holder.

Some 150 white men were waiting outside the station and taunted Weaver with cries of "nigger lover." About 25 or 30 of the men followed the integration leader to his car, where the attack began.

One car pulled in front of his Cadillac, blocking Weaver's way

out of the parking lot. The cursing white men grabbed chunks of concrete block from a nearby wall

under construction and broke several windows in Weaver's car.

One man pulled open the car door and started hitting Weaver

on the head before a reporter managed to shut the car door and

keep the attacker away. Weaver backed into another car, put his car in low and ran headlong into traffic, barely missing several cars.

He drove to City Hall to protest the attack, but was instead

charged with reckless driving. Weaver told reporters after the

attack he plans to "leave this city and state right away."

"I think it is best I leave to avoid any more trouble," he said.

"I don't know where I am going but it will be out of Birmingham and Alabama."

Weaver, a clerk at U.S. Steel's

big Tennessee Coal and Iron Division here, has requested permission for himself and Shuttleworth to appear before the Senate subcommittee on Constitutional Rights.

He was granted permission to submit a written report since the subcommittee closed its hearings yesterday. Weaver, a frequent speaker before Negro integration groups, claimed "repeated threats against my life" had forced him into hiding.

150 Whites "Assist" Officers

Ala. Posse Storms House, Kills Man, Hurts Wife

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Merfolk, Va. Feb 11-23-57
CLANTON, Ala.—A white "posse" of about 150 men stormed the dwelling of a colored resident here Sunday, killed a man and shot his wife, an expectant mother. It all came about because a white police officer was shot and local citizens decided to "get a Negro" for the shooting.

A GROUP OF local officers led the party of 150 or more that used rifles, tear gas, hand grenades and other weapons of "modern warfare" in raiding the home of the colored family.

Four white teen-agers were stopped by Deputy Sheriff Floyd L. Porter on a routine traffic investigation Sunday evening. As the officer was talking to the teenagers, a shot rang out and the officer suffered gunshot wounds that necessitated the amputation of a hand.

THE TEEN-AGERS sped into town and aroused the citizens.

A hastily-formed posse stormed the home of Willie Dunnigan, 45. Dunnigan, according to reports, engaged in a shooting battle with the posse, but was forced from his home by exploding tear gas. As he left the house, he was shot down. When officers entered the residence, they found his wife, Mrs. Louise Dunnigan, who is expecting a baby next month, wounded in the stomach. Two men were also in the Dunnigan residence.

The "posse" that took part in the shooting bore all the identifying marks of a southern mob. There were guns, sticks, rocks, blood-hounds, ropes and all the other "necessary ingredients."

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Lynching Or Murder?

FORT DEPOSIT, Ala.—Young Roger Hamilton was lynched, Lowndes County Sheriff Frank Ryals maintains.

The sheriff asserts, "Reports reaching the Northern press tagged the death last Oct. 22 a lynching. However, our investigation revealed nothing that leads us to believe these reports."

Nineteen-year-old Hamilton was kidnapped from his home, taken away in a truck, and shot to death, according to his mother's story.

The sheriff said that Mrs. Hamilton's stories of the incident could not be "verified" and noted that she had told to different stories of the incident.

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Why Was Willie Dunnigan Killed in Alabama Gun Fight?

By TREZZVANT W. ANDERSON
(Courier Boying Reporter)

CLANTON, Ala. — The chocolate-colored body of strapping Willie Dunnigan, 43, lay on the slab in the embalming room of the Wilson Funeral Home—a pattern of bullet holes forming an almost perfect circle in the center of his chest, too perfect to seem that they were the result of a foray of shots from a sheriff's posse. I looked at them and wondered.

Forty minute later, Mrs. Louise Dunnigan, 41, now the widow of the slain non-smoking, non-drinking, hard-working father of eight children, looked at me through dazed eyes.

WHEN THAT pitched battle ensued early Sunday morning, Nov. 17, at the little crossroads dot on the map called Lomax, Willie, his wife, and four of their eight children were asleep in bed when the police officers arrived on the scene.

Every Negro in the Lomax community was wide awake and fearful on the Saturday night which preceded what would normally have been an ordinary Sunday morning when most of the Lomax Negroes would have gone up the hill to the Holiness Church to which most of them belonged.

There they would have worshipped their God. But on this night, such was not to be.

And herein lies a great tragedy! This reporter honestly and sincerely feels that a serious mistake brought on the gun battles which killed Willie.

Willie Dunnigan, unemployed for one week before his killing by the sheriff's posse, died with absolute and sincere belief that he was defending his home from that low-life Alabama group who call themselves the Ku Klux Klan.

Incidentally, Alabama's Atty. General John Patterson, proud securer of an injunction against the NAACP, has done nothing against the Klan.

But Willie Dunnigan's great sacrifice is another evidence that Alabama Negroes are not "scared" of the Klan and know

that Alabama Klansmen are nothing but a bunch of low-class, ignorant, poor whites whose chief claim to notoriety is their envy of Negroes who are getting along well.

This reporter asked Chilton County Sheriff Hugh Champion if Willie had a police record or if he had ever been arrested. "I don't know of his having been arrested," the sheriff told me in an irritable voice, as if he resented the question.

To recapitulate the Lomax battles: there were THREE running gun battles, according to the reports. Four deputy sheriffs were wounded. One was seriously hurt, the reports said. The other three merely sustained scratches which required no hospital action. It was the wounding of the first deputy which set off the chain of events.

That wounding allegedly came when an unidentified Negro, later said to have been Willie Hunt (or Ocie Hill) fired at close range at one of Mr. Champion's deputies and almost blew off his hand. This shooting allegedly came from an ambush while deputies were checking the license of a truck driver.

But it set off a chain of events. The person who fired fled, and the deputies set off in pursuit. The trail grew cold and bloodhounds were brought in. "We used 'tracking dogs,'" Sheriff Champion told the Courier.

Sheriff Champion told the Courier these dogs tracked the trail of the ambusher to the back door of Willie Dunnigan's house. That is where the third pitched battle ensued. Prior to that time had come to ambush, then another skirmish at the Holiness church on a hill some 300 or 400 yards from Dunnigan's, and then the fatal battle where Dunnigan was killed.

After Dunnigan was fatally felled these same dogs again picked up the trail of the man they sought, and it was leading AWAY from the Dunnigan home. "We thought he was inside," deputies told the Courier.

Mrs. Dunnigan told this re-

porter: "The man did come to our back door but he was a drinking man and my husband wouldn't let him in. Why didn't the police tell us they was looking for him? We'd a told them he wasn't in our house."

What daily papers and wire services apparently ignored was that Mrs. Louise Dunnigan, the stout 41-year-old wife of Willie, was also shot by the sheriff's men — deputies and possemen. She was wounded in the left arm and across the stomach. She and her husband were taken to Chilton County Hospital, where Willie died within a few hours. No autopsy was ordered.

What was it all about? Let's hear what Mrs. Dunnigan told this reporter:

The widow said she, her husband and four of their eight children were in bed in their little house — actually a shack — that night. Two of their eight children are grown and married, and two others were sleeping elsewhere that night.

"They knocked on the door, all a-cussing and said 'Come on out, we want to talk with you,' but we were scared, because we thought it was that other gang," she said. She then told of the crosses burned by the Ku Klux Klan on the Thursday night before, and the ride of the Klansmen through the Negro section. (That is an isolated area, which lends itself well to local intimidation when done in force.)

"I didn't say anything," the widow went on, "then one of them was at the back door and kicked it down. That's when my husband started shooting."

At this point the Courier asked Mrs. Dunnigan twice if the policemen said they were police officers.

"Not until that one kicked the door down and my husband started shooting, did they say they was the law," Mrs. Dunnigan replied. "All the time we was scared and we thought they was that other gang." She meant the KKK crowd.

Sheriff Champion said his men had properly identified themselves as police officers. Willie

was a farmer most of the time, but for several months had worked on a north-bound gas pipeline from Texas to New York. One week before he was killed, he had been laid off for two weeks, his widow said.

He didn't smoke nor drink. He had never been in trouble with anyone, his kin told the Courier, and he was a religious man. From the general appearance of the neighborhood in which he lived, it was obvious that none but hard-working, honest and humble people lived.

There is nothing in the area conducive to being "smart," either as regards whisky or number of women. This reporter gave the community a good hard look.

Rumors that NAACP actions might have brought on the strife are stupid, I asked Mrs. Dunnigan about the NAACP. "I don't know anything about it," she said, and I do believe her. Mrs. Dunnigan is the typical backwoods farm housewife, weighing around 180 or more.

She and Willie were both born and reared in Dallas County, have been married 23 years, and came here six years ago. They made no enemies. In their rural community that actually would have been almost impossible.

But there ARE angles to this affair in Chilton County, and the chief offender seems to be the KKK, which Alabama Atty. Gen. John Patterson allows to operate unchallenged, despite its subversive nature.

Lomax Negroes WERE "ready" and waiting on that night and several others which followed the KKK "Statewide Achievement Week"? in which they burned several crosses in Clanton and its suburbs, Lomax included.

It was this KKK demonstration which put the Negroes on the alert, especially since they are not afraid of the KKK any more. Thus the desire to be armed and ready for whatever may happen — if the KKK moved in. And Willie Dunnigan HAD to protect his wife and children from marauders, masquerading as officers of the law, for they HAVE DONE that in Alabama in recent weeks.

Next week this reporter will give you a report on that side of Alabama! But—like Will Martin Sr., Willie Dunnigan has been a victim of "the law" . . . Alabama law, that is!

Florida Posse Kills Fugitive Navy Chief

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PREVIOUS SHOOTINGS

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Comdr. T. C. Dean said Kelly fled from the club in a car and shot and wounded CPO J. R. Van Landingham, 28, a base gate guard who tried to stop him. Van Landingham was listed in critical condition at an Orlando hospital.

Kelly then drove to the national forest where Ranger W. H. Jones attempted to stop him. Jones, making routine checks of vehicles entering the park, was shot by Kelly. Jones was listed in good condition at a hospital.

A few minutes later Kelly's car left a road in the park and overturned. Dean said the posse, aided by bloodhounds, was able to follow Kelly's trail. He injured his back and an arm in the car wreck and left a trail of blood.

The posse, Dean said, was moving up a road when Kelly opened fire without warning.

"It was a miracle that no one was hit by Kelly from that short distance," Dean said.

"It was dark and he was sitting in a ditch beside the road. The ditch was full of saw grass and mud and he was well hidden," Dean said.

POSSE OPENS FIRE

Kelly fired four shots and six were returned by the posse. Dean said a charge of buckshot from a shotgun struck Kelly above the left eye and several other shots struck his body.

The chief was a Navy career man with 22 years of service. The body was claimed by Navy doctors from the base.

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Sailor Slain After Firing On Big Posse

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SHOOTS THREE, SLAIN BY POSSE

Kills One, Wounds Two
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Ten Shots Exchanged

Kelly fired four shots and six were returned by the posse. Dean said a charge of buckshot from a shotgun struck Kelly above the left eye and several other shots struck his body.

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IN GEORGIA

Posse Nabs Escaper of Road Camp

Times Union

P. 25
TIFTON, Ga., Aug. 21 (AP) — A

posse captured a Negro works camp escapee today 27 hours after officers said he raped an 18-year-old white mother. He was whisked away to an undisclosed place for safekeeping.

The state patrol said the 6-foot-3 fugitive, identified as John Henry White, 25, of Macon, was spotted in a wooded area behind the residence of Emory Dominy in nearby Enigma.

He was captured quickly and without putting up any resistance.

The patrol said feeling among the volunteers who took part in the manhunt was high last night, but many were still sleeping this morning when the man was nabbed.

Department of Correction officials said White was serving three concurrent three-to-four year sentences for forgery in Bibb County when he escaped from a Barren County works camp in a truck early yesterday.

A short time later he appeared south of Nashville at the farm home of a young mother with a year-old child. Her husband had left for work 20 minutes before.

GBI Agent H. V. Grantham quoted the mother as saying a Negro man walked into the house with an open knife in his hand and demanded a shirt and trousers. She gave them to him.

Then, he quoted her as saying, the fugitive slapped the baby three times, grabbed her by the neck, pushed her into the bedroom and raped her.

Afterward, Grantham said the mother told him the man threatened to kill her and the child if she left the house. She sat on the porch for five minutes and then stepped the first car that came past.

A posse was formed immediately.

Posse Hunts Man Who Shot State Trooper

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Special to The Atlanta Journal

ROBERTA, Ga., Aug. 17—A posse was formed in Crawford County here Saturday to search for a Negro man who wounded a Georgia state trooper in the shoulder with a shotgun.

The injured trooper, Jack Barker, of the Thomaston State Patrol Station was not believed seriously injured.

He was given first aid treatment after he was shot and joined in the chase for his assailant.

The shooting occurred early Saturday afternoon about 2 1/2 miles north of Roberta on U. S. Highway 341.

TROOPERS SAID the shooting occurred after Barker stopped the Negro man for questioning along the highway. The Negro was on foot.

Crawford County lawmen were called in to assist state troopers of Thomaston in the search for the man.

Officers said the man was believed to be "hemmed in some woods" not far from the shooting scene later Saturday afternoon.

Bloodhounds were put into the hunt shortly after the incident occurred. They were taken to the trail from adjoining Upson County.

Rape Suspect Whisked To Secret Jail

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TIFTON, Ga. — (INS) — A

huge Negro road-gang escapee is in an undisclosed jail near Tifton for further questioning in the rape of a young white mother.

John Henry White, 25, was recaptured in the wooded area near Enigma, Ga. He had escaped from a Barren County work camp

detail Tuesday.

A posse of more than 300 law enforcement officers and citizens had joined in the manhunt for the 6-foot 3 convict after he was accused of attacking an 18-year-old Nashville, Ga., woman.

The state patrol said feeling was running high just before he was apprehended but "it was all over before they had a chance to get worked up again."

The attacked woman said the fugitive had walked into her house after her husband left for work, slapped her baby and pushed her into the bedroom and violated her.

Afterwards he took a shirt and trousers and fled. Officers said White was still wearing the clothes taken from the farmhouse when recaptured.

Negro Reported Seized, Missing

PONTOTOC, Nov. 10 (AP)—Officers said today they are investigating a report that a 16-year-old Negro youth was seized by some white men 11 days ago and has not been seen since.

The Highway Patrol's identification bureau today identified the missing youth as Jesse Harvey Bradford of Pontotoc. Bradford was reported to have been seized Oct. 31 at a filling station where he had gone to get some soft drinks.

Officers declined to discuss possible motives for the action. There were unconfirmed reports that some white men are held for questioning but Crockett and Sheriff M. C. Hembree declined comment. Hembree would say only that his office was investigating a report that a Negro youth had been seized by white men.

Crockett said Hembree sought the help of the patrol's identification bureau. J. M. Lopez of Memphis, FBI agent in charge whose territory includes North Mississippi, declined to comment in reports that FBI agents are taking part in the investigation.

Missing Negro Youth found; is unharmed

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 12 (AP)—A 16-year-old Pontotoc, Miss., Negro youth missing since Oct. 31 has been located and "he's unharmed," Public Safety Commissioner Tom Scarbrough announced today.

Scarbrough said young Jesse Harvey Bradford has been taken to the office of Sheriff M. C. Hembree at Pontotoc "and is being questioned now about his disappearance and where he's been."

The Pontotoc Progress said Bradford rode into Pontotoc on a bus at noon and was seen when he walked into a store. The newspaper said the youth told of being "off visiting down

around" Columbus, Miss.

Scarbrough said word of Bradford's being found came from D. B. Crockett, the investigator which the Highway Patrol sent to Pontotoc in response to an appeal by Hembree for help.

The announcement came within an hour of Scarbrough's stating that "there is no racial issue" in the youth's disappearance.

One of the last persons to see Bradford was Will Jones, the white man on whose place Fannie Clyde Walker, the youth's sister, lives. Jones said Bradford borrowed his ax the afternoon of Oct. 31 and "I never saw him again."

NO TRACE IS FOUND OF MISSING YOUTH

Two Negroes Are Jailed In Jesse Bradford Case

COMMERCIAL APPEAL INVESTIGATORS SILENT

By JAMES KINGSLEY

Special to The Commercial Appeal

PONTOTOC, Miss., Nov. 11.—Two Negroes have been jailed for questioning in the disappearance of a 16-year-old Negro boy, who has been missing 12 days.

Beyond the announcement that the two are being questioned, officers said they had nothing to report. They declined to speculate on whether Jesse Harvey Bradford may have met with foul play.

Sheriff M. C. Hembree identified the Negroes as Charles McAllister and David Walker, a brother-in-law of Bradford. The sheriff declined to say what information he has obtained from the pair.

Sheriff Hembree said McAllister is reported to have told other Negroes that he saw Bradford

forced into a vehicle at gunpoint by "some white men." Since being placed in jail, McAllister has not talked about the case, the sheriff added.

Know Of No Incident

Speculation was widespread locally as to whether the Negro youth's disappearance was connected with a racial incident or whether he departed for parts unknown of his own volition. Officers said they do not know of any racial incident connected with the youth.

Bradford stands about four feet two inches and weighs about 110 pounds, his family said. He was reported to have gone to the Cities Service station from the home of his sister to purchase three soft drinks and two apples about 2:30 p.m. Oct. 31. He never returned.

The distance from the home of his sister, Fannie Clyde Walker, to the service station is about 400 yards up a gravel road.

Bradford is the son of Margaret Herron of Springdale community, about 11 miles southwest of Pontotoc. Sheriff Hembree said she reported he had never left home previously.

She is the mother of six other children. The father died when the youngster was 2 year old.

Emmie Lee Bradford, sister of the missing youth, said "Jesse always loved to work. He was a smart boy and I know he would not leave home like this."

"He went to spend a few days with sister, Fannie Clyde Walker, and has not been seen since. Fannie thought after he did not return to her home that afternoon that he came home. She picked cotton the next day and then Saturday she came to our house. That is when we found out he was missing," she said.

He Failed Subjects

The principal of the Negro school which Bradford attended reported the boy was "retained" in the fourth grade after he failed his subjects. His grades were "F" and "D."

A Negro neighbor said, "We are getting worried about the boy now. He has been missing so long and, with the rumors he was taken away, we are afraid something may have happened to him."

Will Jones, a white man, on whose place the Walkers live, said he saw the boy the after-

noon of Oct. 31. "He borrowed my ax and then returned it. He came back later to borrow it again while I was working on the roof of my house. I never saw him again," Mr. Jones said.

Officers Monday declined comment on reports four white men had been taken to Jackson for lie detector tests last week. Officers began investigating the case a week ago. The investigation was made public Sunday.

Mississippi Negro Missing 12 Days Returned Unharmed

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Scarbrough could not immediately provide details on where or how the youth was found.

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Bradford

Mystery Still Hangs Over 11-Day Absence Of Mississippi Boy, 16

By ERNESTINE COFIELD

PONTOTOC, Miss. — Jesse Bradford, 16-year-old cotton picker, walked into a grocery store and asked for a package of cigarettes shortly before noon Tuesday morning, thus giving the community of Pontotoc, Miss., a chance to breathe again for the first time in almost two weeks.

Speculation still continues in this farm town of 4,000 as to why Jesse disappeared on Halloween's day. The most persistent rumor is that he found a cache of whiskey and was kidnapped by bootleggers.

Before the youth could answer any questions or even see his mother, Mrs. Margaret Herron, he was whisked off to an unknown destination by the FBI and Sheriff M. C. Hembree.

On hearing of Jesse's safe return, his 49-year-old mother, Mrs. Herron, could only repeat over and over again, "If they'd bring him back so I could see him, I'd be so happy."

When the youth disappeared last Oct. 31, between two and three p. m., it was believed the same fate had befallen him that 14-year-old Emmett Till suffered in that cotton country a little more than two years ago.

Typical reaction of the whites when the announcement was made that Jesse had returned safely was expressed by aged Mrs. Lena Jones, "It's such a relief he's found. I was so afraid they'd hurt him. I'm so relieved."

At the time of Jesse's disappearance, he was visiting his sister, Mrs. Fannie Clyde Walker, who lived on the Jones' farm a few blocks out of town.

No one was sure whether the FBI and the sheriff had taken Jesse to Clarksdale or to Columbus. Reportedly, the youth had gotten off a bus coming from Columbus. The general belief was that they had taken him to Columbus to show them where his kidnappers had held him.

Still in jail at the time of Jesse's

return was his brother-in-law David Walker. The only reason anyone could give for police holding Mr. Walker was for "his own protection."

Charlie "Biggums" W. McAllister, whose story of seeing white men force the fourth grade student into a car in front of a filling station was released shortly after noon Tuesday.

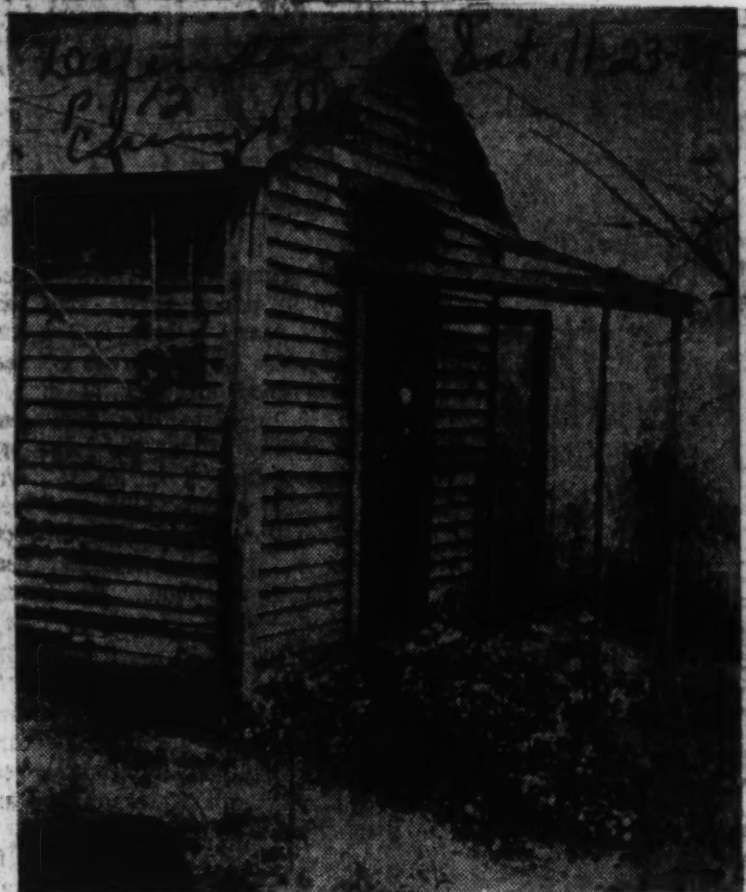
Mrs. Walker's reply when asked about "Biggums" story was "He's a big ole story teller."

His story couldn't be checked because none of the persons questioned knew where he lived.

Another mystery surrounding Jesse is where did he get money for busfare from Columbus, which is approximately 85 miles from his home and costs \$2.55 one way, and for cigarettes. When he left his sister's home, he only

had the 25 cents she had given him for soft drinks. According to witnesses he bought the drinks.

These questions can only be answered by Jesse and the men who abducted him.



FAMILY HOME — It was from this two room shack that Jesse Bradford went to buy three bottles of soft drink and started a manhunt in the pre-

dominately white community Pontotoc, Miss. A Negro reported seeing several white men force the youth into a car.



ON THIS SPOT — Jesse Bradford purchased three bottles of soft drink at this filling station Thursday, Oct. 31, and disappeared until two weeks later, when he got off a bus from Columbus, Miss.



his return. It was while visiting Mrs. Walker that the 16-year-old youth disappeared last Oct. 31. It was feared he had suffered the same fate as Emmett Till.

WHEN TOLD that Jesse Bradford had returned to Pontotoc safely, Mrs. Fannie Clyde Walker, his sister (left) and Mrs. Margaret Herron, his mother (right) talked happily of their son's return.

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ROOPER KILLS MAN WHO FIRES ON POSSE

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Negro Farm Hand Was

Sought For Murder

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MARKS, Miss., Feb. 13. — A 28-year-old Negro farm hand, sought for shooting another Negro, was killed on a county road near Como Wednesday afternoon after he fired at a posse.

Sheriff L. V. Harrison said Edgar White, farm hand on the J. W. Lollar Plantation of the Birdie Community near Darling, was killed when he turned to fire at Mississippi Highway Patrolman W. C. Darby of Marks.

A posse led by Sheriff Harrison, found White about 3:30 p.m. on a county road near Como.

White Fires Gun

"Patrolman Darby told White to throw down his gun. White, mistaking the direction of the order, whirled and fired once. When he turned to fire at Patrolman Darby, the officer shot and killed him with a high powered rifle," Sheriff Harrison said.

White was carrying a 22 caliber rifle with 18 cartridges still in the magazine of the rifle. He had 28 shells in his pocket.

The search for White began early Wednesday morning when J. W. Lollar, plantation operator, stopped White. Mr. Lollar did not know that White had killed E. W. Coleman, 22, Negro farm hand on the same plantation, but he saw that the Negro had a rifle in car.

Negro Drove Off

Mr. Lollar asked White for the rifle and the Negro mumbled something and sped away.

Mr. Lollar, seeing that White was in Coleman's car went to the Coleman house and learned that Coleman had been killed. He was able to trace White to Sledge and then to Falcon, where Fire Marshal Elzy Smith had found the abandoned car.

Sheriff Harrison said that shooting of Coleman by White was unprovoked.

Negro Charged With Rape Moved To Jackson For Safe Keeping

Philadelphia Miss. Bishop Nash a 52-year-old Negro man has been moved to the Hinds County jail in Jackson for safe keeping according to Neshoba County Sheriff George Harrington.

The Sheriff reported that feelings are still running high in the county over the attack, allegedly made by Nash on the wife of a school teacher. The alleged attack took place on the night of June 29, following which Nash's house was burned.

Nash reportedly assaulted the woman twice as he held her captive for six hours.

The Sheriff said Nash will be held without bond until the Grand Jury meets, Sept. 16. He said he has not decided how long the man will be kept in the Hinds County jail.

Posse Continues Search of Area

PITTSBORO, Miss., Aug. 30 — A posse seeking a Negro accused of raping a 60-year-old white woman Friday operated on the assumption the man remained in the area after being arresting officers in a hail of bullets.

Calhoun County Sheriff W. J. Shoemak identified the Negro as Vernon Armstrong, 32-year-old farm hand, and said he believed the man stayed near the Monroe Willis farm where he worked.

The white woman signed a complaint that Armstrong raped her in her home Sunday while her husband was away.

During the arrest, officers said, Armstrong fled into a dense woods while officers shot at him. He fell once, leading deputy Grover Carter to believe he was wounded.

Sheriff Shoemake said officers believed also that Armstrong ate breakfast Friday in the home of a white man during his absence.

Posse Nabs Man Four Hours After N.C. Bank Holdup

FLETCHER, N.C., Dec. 11 (AP)—did not resist. A 23-year-old Brevard man was M. P. Chiles, head of the Charlotte FBI office, said Osborne was nabbed by a posse in the rugged mountainous area south of here to carrying a hand bag containing some four hours after the stolen bank loot. The arrest resulted from a quick FBI said he robbed a branch bank. The arrest resulted from a quick dragnet set up in the Western North Carolina mountains shortly after bloodhounds had led into the Fletcher branch of the State Trust Co., pulled a pistol and an old model .38 revolver, and demanded that tellers fill a

brown paper bag with money.

Bank Manager John Briggs stood by helplessly as Mrs. Wilma Johnson and Mrs. Wanda Greenwood, the tellers, drew money from a till near the teller window and handed it to the gunman. The man backed toward the door, warning:

"Don't say a word or I'll come back and shoot all of you."

Only Briggs and the two women were in the bank at the time, and he gunman passed a bank customer who was just entering as he was leaving. The man fled in a 1950 green Chevrolet, which Chiles said was stolen in Honea Path, S.C., last night.

Shortly after the robbery, Henderson County Deputy Sheriff B. P. Justice, who was setting up a road block on Highway 64 to the South of here, spotted the fleeing man and gave chase. The man abandoned the car at the end of a dead end road after running it into a ditch and fled into a wooded area.

The area was quickly surrounded by highway patrolmen and sheriff's officers from Henderson and Transylvania counties. Bloodhounds were brought in.

One hound was handled by Avon O. Ray, a ranger for the Wildlife Commission. Another dog was handled by Wayne Wiggins, also of the Wildlife Commission. Ray came up on Osborne and arrested him, with Wiggins coming in to lend assistance.



BANK ROBBERY SUSPECT SOON CAPTURED
Zeb Osborne, 23, Is Held By Capt. Earl Deweese

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Four men are kicked, cut and beaten in S.C. mob attack

By JOHN H. McCRAE

WELLS, S.C. — A mob of 15 or 17 white men, ranging in ages from 20 to 47, with a hunger for "n----- meat," beat, kicked and cut four colored men in this small Orangeburg County rural community Friday night.

County and state police officers said a hunt was under way for the suspects, the leader of whom was described by the victims as being "about 37 years old, bushy headed and loud mouthed."

Victims of the assaults, which occurred between 11 and 11:30 p.m. at the Wells Service Center, a combination grill and filling station at the intersection of U.S. Highway 15 and S.C. Highway 176, about five miles north of Holly Hill, were:

JOHN (GENERAL) Johnson, a 55-year-old farm handyman; 15-year-old J. C. Johnson (no relation); Sonny Waymer, 17, and Edward Clark.

The elder Mr. Johnson, whose right cheek was slashed by the blade of a "hawk bill" pocket knife, gave the AFRO account of the assaults:

He and a friend, Edward Clark, had left "Butto's place," a sort of country store, in the latter's car for the Johnson home. Mr. Clark was to let him out and then go home himself.

REACHING THE junction of Highway 176 and the dirt farm road which leads to the Johnson home, Mr. Clark suggested that Mr. Johnson ride with him to Wells Center where he planned purchasing a package of cigarettes.

"When we drove up," Mr. Johnson said, "we saw about 15 or 17 white men under the grease pit shed. They were singing. There also were Paul Lewis, his son Edgar, Sonny Waymer and J. C. Johnson."

"Mr. Lewis and the three young men with him in his car were working on the automobile."

"THE WHITE MEN stopped singing and were looking at us. I'd never seen any of them



J. C. JOHNSON, 15-year-old farmhand, severely beaten by mob of white persons, suffered pummeled face, stomach and other body injuries as 17 men kicked and stomped him on ground after a hefty 200-pounder felled him with fist blows. He couldn't identify attackers, with whom he had not spoken. None has been arrested nor has cases been reported in newspapers. Note swollen lower left jaw.

before." Mr. Johnson said that the leader of the group called several of the men around him and they talked in muted voice for a moment or two. They broke up the conference with several saying to the leader: "I don't give a g--d---. I'm gonna get me some n--- tonight."

HE THEN allegedly told one in the group: "Give me that damned hawkbill knife," and the man produced it from inside his shirt.

The leader, Johnson said, turned to face the man stopped at young J. C. Johnson, who was trying to prime the carburetor, saying, "I don't need a knife for you," closed the weapon and put it in his pocket.

Young Johnson, witnesses said, turned to face the man and was knocked half-way across the hood of the car by a blow on the left eye. The attacker yanked him to

his feet and as others in mob smashed out the window on the yelled "gun him," slammed sides where he sat. He swung both fists into the boy's stomach at Mr. Johnson's head several times, missing.

AS THE BOY FELL screaming to the ground, others joined the leader in kicking, hitting and assaulting him as he groveled on the ground.

Sonny Waymer started, he said, to come to the aid of his friend but after being struck twice by fists of two unidentified men in the group, fled the scene, as did the two Lewises.

Mr. Johnson said the action developed so quickly that he and Mr. Clark hadn't had time to regain composure and leave when the leader turned to him and said:

"NOW, OLD N---, I'm gonna git some of your (blank)." Mr. Johnson said the leader was advancing on him, flanked on both sides by several others of the group who had turned away from J. C. Johnson.

"I felt in my pocket for my old piece of knife," he said, and told him I didn't think he would, all the time backing up trying to get to the car," Mr. Johnson said. Meanwhile, Clark had made it to his car and had opened the door for Mr. Johnson, planning to get away as soon as his friend reached the vehicle.

THE MOB LEADER, cursing and advancing, took several swipes at Mr. Johnson, he said, but missed. The others had pulled knives and icepicks from their shirts, he said, and were also advancing.

"I kept ducking my head when he swung at me," Mr. Johnson said. "I believe I hit him once or twice. I'm pretty sure I got him once in the chest. He didn't come on as fast after that."

Mr. Johnson finally backed into the car and slammed the door. "I might have escaped clean," he said, "but Clark was so upset he couldn't start the car. He was shaking like a leaf."

THE GROUP QUICKLY surrounded the automobile and began to smash windows in the vehicle and throw at the two men. One bottle crashed against the back of Clark's head as he ducked, Mr. Johnson said. The leader had pursued Mr. Johnson to the car and smashed out the window on the side at Mr. Johnson's head several times, missing. A knife thrust caught into the flesh on the left cheek bone and inflicted a three to four inch slash in Mr. Johnson's face.

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CRASHING BOTTLES also slashed into the right leg of the victim and into several places on the body of young J. C. Johnson who, unseen, had crawled to the blind side of the Clark vehicle and pulled himself into the back of the car, hiding on the floor.

Clark, finally regaining composure, had started the car and shot it away as the attackers tried to hold onto its doors.

A mile way, young Johnson lifted himself from the rear floor.

A. T. SHULER (white) sent Sheriff's Deputy Hill to the Johnson home after the attack.

The victims all agreed in separate interviews with the AFRO that the proprietor of Wells Center wasn't in the establishment at the time of the attack.